

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, MERCER COUNTY, OHIO
CRIMINAL DIVISION**

STATE OF OHIO

vs.

NATHAN J. WATKINS

Defendant

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JAN 14 2025

Richard J. Farnsworth
MERCER COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS
CELINA, OHIO

Case No.: 25-CRM-002

**JUDGMENT ENTRY ON
INITIAL APPEARANCE
ON STATE COMPLAINT**

On January 13, 2025, this matter came before the Court for Initial Appearance on State Complaint. Prosecuting Attorney Erin M. Minor appeared on behalf of the State of Ohio. The Defendant appeared by remote contemporaneous video format and advised the Court that Defendant had received a copy of the State Complaint, and that Defendant had read the State Complaint.

The Court then advised the Defendant of the nature of the charges and the rights as set forth in Criminal Rule 5. Defendant acknowledged that Defendant understood the charge and their rights.

The Defendant advised the Court of the inability to afford an attorney and desired to have an attorney appointed to represent him. After questioning the Defendant, the Court found that the Defendant was indigent and the Court indicated it would appoint counsel to represent Defendant, with counsel to be determined. (After the hearing, the Court contacted Attorney Erin M. Abels, who agreed to represent Defendant. Therefore, the Court appoints Erin M. Abels as counsel).

The Court assigned the matter for **Preliminary Hearing for Friday, January 17, 2025, at 01:00 PM** and ordered the Defendant to appear with counsel at that time.

The Court specifically orders that Defendant have no contact with Victim #1.

The Defendant's bond was set at \$75,000 subject to 10% and, if posted, with the following conditions:

Defendant is not to consume alcohol, drugs of abuse, including but not limited to marijuana, medical marijuana, or any cannabis product that would cause you to test positive to THC in your blood or urine.

Defendant is subject to random testing for alcohol and/or drugs of abuse, including but not limited to, marijuana, medical marijuana, or any cannabis

product at the request of the Court, any of the Court's bailiffs, any of the Court's probation officers, any law enforcement officers and any representative or agent of the State of Ohio.

Defendant is not permitted to test positive for alcohol or drugs, including but not limited to, marijuana, medical marijuana, or any cannabis product, and if Defendant refuses to submit to the test, or if Defendant does not provide and appropriate sample within one (1) hour of the test request, the Court will consider the refusal or inability to provide an appropriate sample as a positive test for alcohol and or drugs of abuse.

Defendant is not to be in any establishment that serves alcohol by the drink.

Defendant is not to violate any federal, state, or local laws.

Defendant is to have no contact with Victim #1.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.
FILED**

JAN 14 2025


Matthew K. Fox, Judge


MERCER COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS
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CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that a copy of the foregoing was mailed to Prosecutor and Erin M. Abels on the 14th day of January, 2025. A courtesy copy was issued to Mercer County Sheriff's Office – Corrections Division.

XC: COURT

