



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE of PENNSYLVANIA COURTS

NEWS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 16, 2024

Pennsylvania Courts Provide Update on Incident at Luzerne County Magisterial District Court

HARRISBURG – The Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts releases the following statement after an early morning fire at the office of the late Magisterial District Judge James Haggerty (11-1-05):

Shortly after 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 16, a fire was reported at the Magisterial District Court located at 57 Russell Street, Edwardsville. While there were proceedings taking place at the time the fire was discovered, all members of the public and court staff were able to evacuate the building safely.

The court is grateful for the swift response of local first responders and extends their thoughts to the fire personnel reportedly injured during the incident.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

All hearings scheduled at the Edwardsville District Court will be heard at Magisterial District Court 11-1-06 located at 2009 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort.

###

Media Contacts: Stacey Witalec – 717-877-2997
Kim Bathgate – 717-576-4373