Police: Squatter caused fire in vacant home in Shamokin

Defendant impeded firefighters’ efforts to extinguish Oneda Street blaze

BY LARRY DEKLINSKI

SHAMOKIN — A squatter who has refused to identify himself to law enforcement in an attempt to avoid probable cause, a person suspected of burning Oneida Street blaze, to extinguish the blaze at 815 Oneida St. and then impeding efforts to extinguish the blaze by refusing to leave the vacant home on Friday morning, has refused to identify himself and is facing numerous charges.

The man was arraigned Friday afternoon in front of Magisterial District Judge John Gueler III, Shamokin, and remanded to Northumberland County Jail in Shamokin, and refused to follow commands when Rogers ordered him out of the building.

Charges included obstructing emergency services, obstructing law enforcement and disorderly conduct.

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