

Warrantless Arrest

Commonwealth v. Deacon (1832)

PA Title 61, Chapter 11

§ 1154 Law Enforcement use of County correctional institutions

(a) General rule.--Sheriffs, **constables**, members of the Pennsylvania State Police and other persons authorized by the laws of this Commonwealth to make arrests shall have the use, for a period not to exceed 48 hours, of borough and township lockups and county correctional institutions for the detention of persons arrested until they can be disposed of according to law, if found necessary by the officer in charge.

(b) Reimbursement.--

(1) Boroughs, cities and townships are entitled to receive compensation of not more than \$2 per day of 24 hours, for each prisoner detained under subsection (a), from the treasury of the county having jurisdiction over the person detained.

(2) This subsection does not apply to counties of the second class.

ACT 49, subchapter F, §7158

In addition to any other powers granted under law, a constable of a borough shall, without warrant and upon view, arrest and commit for hearing any person who:

- (1) Is guilty of a breach of the peace, vagrancy, riotous or disorderly conduct or drunkenness.
- (2) May be engaged in the commission of any unlawful act tending to imperil the personal security or endanger the property of the citizens.
- (3) Violates any ordinance of the borough for which a fine or penalty is imposed.