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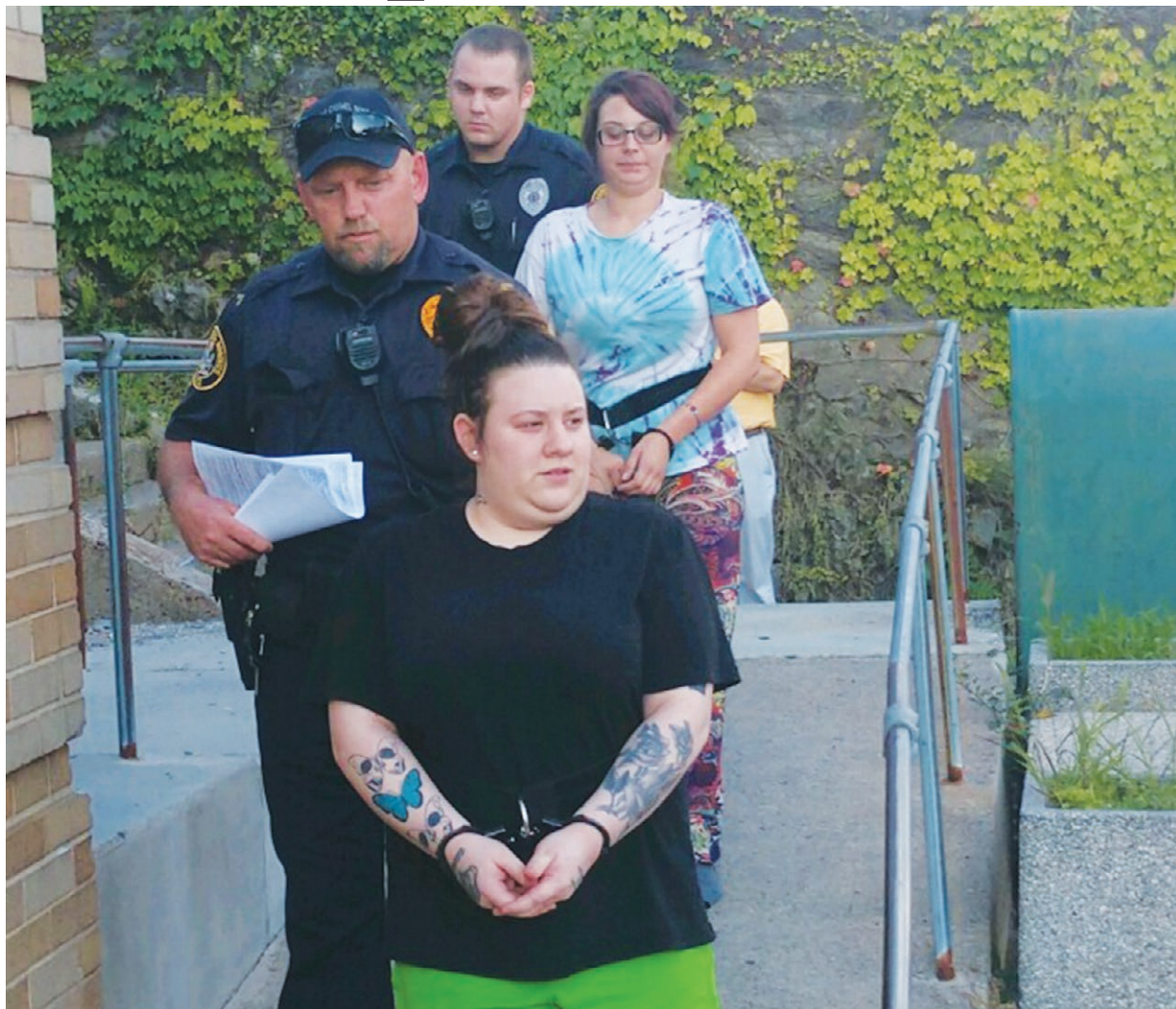
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## Attempted murder



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Michelle Rhoads, front, and Misty Dunbar, back right, are escorted to their arraignments by law enforcement officers on Wednesday evening.

## Police charge MC women with starting North Walnut Street fire

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MOUNT CARMEL — A day after fire gutted two homes in the 400 block of North Walnut Street and left three people homeless, police arrested two 23-year-old women who allegedly used kerosene to set the blaze.

Misty Lynn Dunbar, a recent resident of Mount Carmel who currently lists her address as 4173 State Route 225, Elizabethtown, and Michelle Renee Rhoads, of 419 S. Hickory St., Mount Carmel, are imprisoned at Northumberland County Jail after being charged with 13 offenses each — including attempted murder, eight counts

*"I don't understand how someone can be so irresponsible and endanger the lives of adults and children."*

Lisa Dillow

of arson and one count of criminal mischief, causing or risking a catastrophe, recklessly endangering another person and loitering and prowling at night.

Due to the severity of the attempted murder charge, they were denied bail by Magisterial District Judge William Cole at their arraignment at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

They were taken into custody at separate residences in the borough

Wednesday morning.

Chief of Police Chris Buhay and Patrolman Justin Stelma filed the charges against Dunbar, Stelma and Cpl. William Adamski filed the charges against Rhoads.

According to a criminal complaint, neighbors provided police with video footage of the fire that revealed two females walking in the

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## POLICE & COURTS

## Strong man charged with assaulting his 5-month-old son

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STRONG — An 18-year-old Strong man was charged Wednesday with assaulting his 5-month-old son, who reportedly suffered bruising to his neck, face, inner ears, both arms and chest area.

Andre Adgerson, of 152 Second St., was arraigned by Magisterial District Judge William Cole on a felony of

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MATT ROURKE/AP PHOTO

Authorities stand outside a house as they investigate an active shooting situation Wednesday in the Nicetown neighborhood of Philadelphia.

## Gunman wounds at least 6 police officers in Philly

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PHILADELPHIA — At least one gunman opened fire on police Wednesday as they were serving a drug warrant in Philadelphia, wounding six officers and triggering a standoff that extended into the night, authorities said.

Two other officers were trapped inside the house for about five hours after the shooting broke out but were

freed by a SWAT team well after darkness fell on the residential neighborhood.

None of the officers sustained life-threatening injuries and they've been released from the hospital, Philadelphia police Sgt. Eric Gripp said.

"It's nothing short of a miracle that we don't have multiple officers killed today," said Philadelphia Police Commissioner Richard Ross as officers continued their standoff with the

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## NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

## Parea given 3rd extension in land deal

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SUNBURY — Parea BioSciences was granted its third extension in the purchasing of 10 acres of land near the Northumberland County Jail for a medical marijuana grow facility during a county commissioner meeting Wednesday.

Parea BioSciences, through its holding company MNK 03 Holdings LLC, now has until Sept. 30 to finalize the \$1.5 million purchase. The company paid the county an additional \$10,000 deposit on the extension.

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## Alleged rapist held for court

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MOUNT CARMEL — A 22-year-old Mount Carmel man accused of raping an adult relative four times

between Feb. 11 and Feb. 18 at his home was held for court Wednesday at a preliminary hearing before Magisterial District Judge William Cole.

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## Man, 31, accused in assault of teen

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MOUNT CARMEL — A 31-year-old Mount Carmel man was held for court Wednesday on a felony of criminal attempt to commit aggravated indecent assault and

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Ronald Wickizer Jr., front, and Patrick Gurdak, both of Mount Carmel, are escorted by state Constable Larry Rompollo from Magisterial District Judge William Cole's courtroom Wednesday following their preliminary hearings on unrelated sexual offenses.

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