

Serial Stalker Held at Gunpoint Outside Victim's Home

Police say a man previously charged with ramming dealership's garage door returned to owner's residence despite recent release on bail.



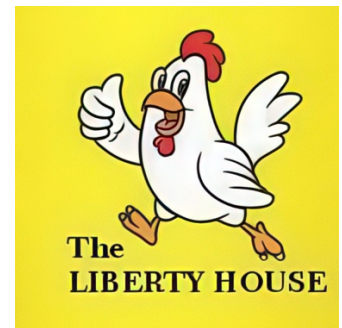
exploreClarion

[Clarion-themed merchandise](#)

Published January 15, 2025 9:10 am



Community Partner



BROOKVILLE

CLARION BOROUGH

CLARION COUNTY DETECTIVES

STALKING

CLARION, Pa. (EYT) — A local man who previously drove through a Clarion dealership's garage door was arrested on Thursday after showing up at the dealer owner's home, where he was held at gunpoint until police arrived, authorities say.

[Pennsylvania travel guide](#)

[Clarion tourism guide](#)

According to court documents, 49-year-old **Michael S. Donahue**, of Brookville, is charged with stalking and [criminal trespass](#) after being found outside a residence in Clarion around 6:40 p.m. on Thursday, January 9, 2025.



He was denied bail and sent to the Clarion County Jail.

According to a criminal complaint, the homeowner's dog's unusual behavior first alerted her to someone's presence, police say. After receiving a security camera alert, her husband returned home to find Donahue's vehicle parked in front of their residence. An employee responded to the homeowner's call for help and held Donahue at gunpoint until Chief County Detective William Peck arrived.

Security footage showed Donahue pulling into the driveway at 6:27 p.m., approaching the front door, and returning to his vehicle, investigators say.

When questioned by Detective Wright at the [Clarion Borough Police Department](#), Donahue claimed he had a deed to the house and said three people had told him he could go to the residence. He also made claims about needing to help someone there, the complaint states.

According to the complaint, the incident follows what police describe as an escalating [pattern](#) of concerning behavior. In March 2022, Donahue caused approximately \$12,000 in damage when he drove through a garage door at an East Main Street [car dealership](#), telling officers at the time that his father owned the dealership and he was going to get [married](#) there. The victims in this case are co-owners of the dealership.

In October, police say Donahue was discovered sitting in the woods near a property owned by a family member of the victims, equipped with binoculars and [drinking](#) beer. When confronted, he allegedly gave a false name and claimed to be related to the property owners, the complaint continues.

The complaint notes that Donahue had been released on bail just 17 days earlier, on December 23, in a separate stalking case involving the same victims.



A preliminary hearing is [scheduled](#) for Tuesday, January 21, at 2:15 p.m., before Magisterial District Judge Jeffrey C. Miller.

RELATED STORIES: