

Court Record Summary

State of Nevada v. Joshua D. Booth

Las Vegas Justice Court · Case No. 26-CR-037355

Plain-language explanation of the cash-bond entries, the August 12 negotiations hearing, and the preliminary hearing scheduled for September 23, 2026.

Prepared September 23, 2026 from the public docket excerpt supplied by the requester.

Bottom line

The docket confirms that Joshua D. Booth posted an \$8,000 cash bond on April 13, 2026 and was released. The later appearances of the words “Cash Bond,” including on August 12 and September 23, identify his release/bond status; they do **not** by themselves show that he paid a new \$8,000 bond in August.

On August 12, the parties appeared for a negotiations hearing. The court reset the preliminary hearing as a “firm setting” for **September 23, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.** The docket excerpt supplied ends at that scheduled September 23 hearing and does **not** show a result, plea, dismissal, bind-over, or continuance for that date.

Case snapshot

Court	Las Vegas Justice Court, JC Department 12
Case number	26-CR-037355
Case type	Felony criminal case
Date filed	May 12, 2026
Defendant	Joshua D. Booth
Defense counsel shown	Andrew S.T. Fritz, retained
Charge shown as filed	Willfully/maliciously torture, maim, or mutilate an animal kept for companionship or pleasure, causing death. Nevada statute 574.100.6A2; felony; dated April 13, 2026.
Other charge entry	A second listed count under 574.100.6A1 has a May 12 disposition of “DA Denial.” The criminal complaint was then filed on May 14 and the case continued.

What “Cash Bond” means here

A **cash bond** is money deposited to secure release while a criminal case is pending. The docket expressly records the event that establishes the amount:

April 13, 2026: “Cash Bond Posted Per Standard Bail Schedule” — **\$8,000.00.**

The docket then shows that the initial probable-cause review set for April 14 was canceled because of a “Custody Change — Cash Bond Posted.” In plain language, the record indicates that the defendant was no longer in custody because bond had been posted.

The entries “Cash Bond” listed under the May 14, May 27, June 23, July 21, August 12, and September 23 appearances are best read as the ongoing status of the case while the defendant remains released on cash bond. The supplied record does not identify a new bond amount, additional cash deposit, increase, forfeiture, or refund on August 12.

Important distinction: the docket’s \$40 assessment and \$40 payment, with a zero balance, are a separate court financial entry. They are not the \$8,000 cash bond.

What happened in August

August 12, 2026: Negotiations hearing

The August 12 docket entry says:

“Negotiations (8:00 a.m.) · Result: Matter Heard · Preliminary Hearing Date Reset · Firm setting · No Contact with Victim order continues and expires October 19, 2026.”

A negotiations hearing is generally a procedural appearance at which the prosecution and defense may discuss whether the case can be resolved, whether charges may change, and how the case should proceed. The docket does not disclose the substance of any discussions or confirm that any agreement was reached. The key result of that August hearing is the phrase **“Preliminary Hearing Date Reset — Firm setting.”** This means the judge set a definite next date for the preliminary hearing rather than leaving it open or merely scheduling another negotiations hearing.

The continuing no-contact order

The docket reflects no-contact orders entered or renewed on May 14, May 27, July 21, and August 12. The latest supplied entry states that the order continued through **October 19, 2026**. That order is separate from the cash bond and remains a court-imposed condition reflected in the docket.

What was scheduled for September 23, 2026

The scheduled event was a **preliminary hearing at 9:30 a.m. before Judge Diana L. Sullivan**. A preliminary hearing is not a trial, verdict, or sentencing. It is ordinarily a hearing where the prosecution presents evidence to establish probable cause that a felony was committed and that the defendant likely committed it.

Possible outcomes can include:

- the case being bound over to District Court for further felony proceedings;
- a negotiated plea or other resolution, if accepted by the court;
- a charge being reduced or dismissed if the evidence is found insufficient; or
- the hearing being continued or reset.

None of those outcomes can be confirmed from the record supplied here because the September 23 listing is only a scheduled-event entry with the notation “Cash Bond.”

Current record status: The supplied docket does not yet show “Result: Matter Heard,” a minute order, a next date, a plea, “bound over,” a dismissal, or another disposition for the September 23 preliminary hearing. It should not be described as a conviction, dismissal, or completed hearing result unless a later official docket entry confirms it.

Procedural timeline from the supplied docket

Date	Event	Docket result or significance
Apr. 13, 2026	Bond / prosecution request	Request for prosecution sent to the DA. Financial affidavit and risk assessment entered. Cash bond posted per standard bail schedule: \$8,000.
Apr. 14, 2026	Initial appearance canceled	Canceled because the docket records "Custody Change — Cash Bond Posted."
May 12, 2026	Criminal complaint / count disposition	Case filed. The separate count numbered 999 is marked "DA Denial."
May 14, 2026	Initial appearance	Criminal complaint filed; matter heard. Defense counsel confirmed. Defendant advised of charges and waived reading. No-contact order entered; defendant required at future court appearances.
May 27, 2026	Defense motion to reset	Motion granted. June 23 preliminary hearing date vacated. No-contact order renewed through July 21.
Jun. 23, 2026	Preliminary hearing	Canceled / vacated. Cash bond status listed.
Jul. 21, 2026	Preliminary hearing	Matter continued at defense request. Continued for negotiations. No-contact order renewed through October 19.
Aug. 12, 2026	Negotiations	Matter heard. Preliminary hearing reset as a firm setting. No-contact order continued through October 19.
Sep. 23, 2026	Preliminary hearing scheduled	Scheduled for 9:30 a.m. before Judge Sullivan. The supplied excerpt lists "Cash Bond" but contains no posted result.

Financial entry shown in the docket

The supplied financial section shows a **\$40 court assessment** dated April 13, 2026, a **\$40 payment** on the same day, and a balance due of **\$0.00 as of September 23, 2026**. This is not a case disposition and does not alter the separately recorded \$8,000 cash bond.

Practical interpretation and limitations

Accurate short description for an update

> The docket shows that Booth posted an \$8,000 cash bond in April and remained released on that bond while the case proceeded. At the August 12 negotiations hearing, the court reset the preliminary hearing for September 23. The available docket excerpt does not yet show what occurred at the September 23 hearing, so no plea, dismissal, bind-over, conviction, or sentence should be reported as confirmed at this time.

What to look for next in the public docket

When the court updates the record, the most useful entries will usually be a “Result” line, a minute order, a new future court date, an order binding the case over, a plea entry, or an order resolving a charge. Those are the docket items that would establish the outcome of the September 23 event.

Source and scope

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