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### **MAN CHARGED WITH FIRST-DEGREE MURDER, OTHER OFFENSES IN DRUG DEATH OF GIRLFRIEND AT SCHUYLKILL CANAL PARK**



NORRISTOWN, Pa.--Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Upper Providence Township Police Chief Mark Toomey announce the arrest today of Anthony Michael Noble, 27, of Phoenixville on four felony charges including First-Degree Murder and other related offenses in the death of Joette L. Mullen on Dec. 14, 2015 at Lock 60, Tow Path Road at the Schuylkill Canal Park.

Mullen was found dead inside her vehicle by Upper Providence Township Police following a 911 call to police by a passerby. The investigation, conducted by the Upper Providence Township Police and the Montgomery County Detective Bureau, found that the defendant had injected multiple needles filled with cocaine into Mullen's arm and watched her die. Toxicology reports showed that there was a lethal dose of cocaine in Mullen's body, which caused her death.

The defendant was arrested and arraigned before Magisterial District Judge Elizabeth McHugh and remanded to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility. A preliminary hearing is set before Magisterial District Judge Walter Gadzicki, Jr. at 9:30 a.m. on January 29, 2016. Judge Gadzicki's Court is located at 497 W. Ridge Pike in Limerick.

The case will be prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Samantha Cauffman and Assistant District Attorney Kathleen McLaughlin.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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