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KYLE ALLEN OF LANGHORNE CHARGED WITH MULTIPLE FELONIES FOR THEFT OF \$638,000 IN PARTS FROM SEPTA PROPERTIES



NORRISTOWN, Pa.--Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele, Delaware County District Attorney John J. Whelan, Philadelphia County District Attorney Seth Williams, SEPTA Inspector General D. James Bannan and Plymouth Township Police Chief Joseph F. Lawrence announce the arrest of Kyle Reece Allen, 28, of Langhorne, Pa., for felony Burglary, Dealing in Proceeds of Illegal Activities, Criminal Trespass, Theft by Unlawful Taking and Receiving Stolen Property stemming from multiple thefts of vehicle and train parts from six different SEPTA properties. The stolen parts were valued in excess of \$638,000.

The investigation began when the Plymouth Township Police responded at 5:09 a.m. on May 11, 2016 to a call of a reported burglary at the SEPTA Frontier Division facility on Alan Wood Road. The manager of the SEPTA facility was able to identify the male driving away from the property at the time of the burglary as the defendant, who was employed at a different SEPTA facility. The identification launched an extensive joint investigation spearheaded by Plymouth Police Detective Andrew Moretti and SEPTA Detective J. Donald Davis. The investigation revealed that from January 2015 to the time of his arrest Allen stole more than 500 batteries, approximately 260 catalytic converters, 100 spools of wire, parts specific to the SEPTA El Train, and other electrical components, then sold them for scrap at a fraction of their value.

“The defendant’s actions unfortunately impact all of us who ride SEPTA. This a huge loss for SEPTA and for what—the defendant only received pennies on the dollar from the scrapyards. He is now incarcerated and faces substantial jail time for his actions,” said Steele. “The thorough investigation into the thefts of well over a half-million dollars in SEPTA equipment is just another example of the great collaborative efforts of law enforcement in our region. This close working relationship within our law enforcement community insures that criminals will be brought to justice.”

DA Whelan echoed Steele’s comments. “This type of substantial theft not only victimizes SEPTA, but all of the citizens who utilize public transportation. I would like to commend all of the detectives who worked on this complicated case that led to a successful arrest,” said Whelan.

The properties that incurred losses were Frontier Division in Plymouth Township, Montgomery County; 69th Street Transportation Center and Victory Depot in Upper Darby, Delaware County; and Midvale Depot, Comly Depot and Callowhill Depot in Philadelphia County.

Allen was arraigned before Magisterial District Judge Francis Bernhardt today, who set bail at \$75,000. He was unable to make bail and was remanded to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 9:15 a.m., September 8, 2016, in front of Judge Bernhardt.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Mark Antonacio, Captain of the Economic Crimes Unit.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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