



OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

KEVIN R. STEELE
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

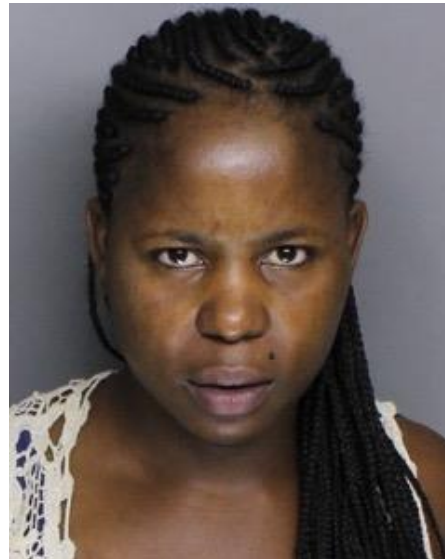
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY
COURTHOUSE
P.O. BOX 311
NORRISTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA
19404-0311

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S FAX
COUNTY DETECTIVE BUREAU

(610) 278-3090
(610) 278-3095
(610) 278-3368

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 9, 2016

DARRELL JOHNSON AND LATIA LOFTON ARRESTED FOR SHOOTING, ROBBERY IN WEST POTTS GROVE



NORRISTOWN, Pa. – Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele, West Pottsgrove Township Police Chief Mathew Stofflet and Pottstown Police Chief F. Richard Drumheller announce the arrests of Darrell Accoco Johnson, 32, and Latia Lofton, 29, both of Pottstown, for the August 20, 2016 robbery and shooting outside of the China Bar on West High Street in West Pottsgrove Township.

The West Pottsgrove Police responded at 11:38 p.m., August 20 to find a 48-year-old male suffering from gunshot wounds to his back and foot after having been robbed. Lofton had been outside of the bar with the victim when Johnson approached them and demanded money and car keys. Shots were fired by both the victim and Johnson, injuring the victim. Initially, Lofton purported to be a co-victim of the robbery, but the joint investigation by the Montgomery County Detectives Violent Crimes Unit, West Pottsgrove Police and the Pottstown Police revealed that Johnson and Lofton had conspired to commit the robbery.

Johnson and Lofton were arrested September 8, 2016 on multiple charges including felony Robbery and Aggravated Assault, as well as Simple Assault, Reckless Endangerment, Theft and other charges. They were arraigned September 9, 2016 before Magisterial District Judge Scott T. Palladino, who set bail at \$500,000 for Johnson and \$250,000 for Lofton. Both defendants were unable to make bail and were remanded to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility. A preliminary hearing before Judge Palladino was set for 9:30 a.m., October 4, 2016.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Benjamin McKenna.

Approved for release:

Edward F. McCann, Jr.
First Assistant District Attorney

CRIMINAL CHARGES, AND ANY DISCUSSION THEREOF, ARE MERELY ALLEGATIONS AND ALL DEFENDANTS ARE PRESUMED INNOCENT UNTIL AND UNLESS PROVEN GUILTY.