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KURT KUCHARIK OF HARLEYSVILLE CHARGED WITH HOMICIDE BY VEHICLE FOR SEPTEMBER 20 CRASH



NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Oct. 31, 2016) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Upper Providence Police Chief Mark A. Toomey announce the arrest of Kurt Kucharik, 19, of Harleysville, on charges of homicide by vehicle, recklessly endangering another person, careless driving and other related charges in the death of 57-year-old Catherine Boyle in a crash that occurred on Sept. 20, 2016.

The crash occurred around 6 a.m. on Trappe Road (Rt. 113) south of Paperbirch Drive in Upper Providence Township. The defendant was operating a Scion TC southbound on Trappe Road, and Boyle was driving a Hyundai Elantra north on Trappe Road. A joint investigation by the Upper Providence Police and Montgomery County Detectives revealed that the car driven by Kucharik passed Paperbirch Drive and then crossed over completely into the northbound lane and into the path of Boyle's car, which was hit head on. Boyle was pronounced dead at the scene. Kucharik was extracted and taken to Paoli Hospital with face and leg injuries.

Kucharik was arraigned on Oct. 27, 2016 before Magisterial District Judge Walter F. Gadzicki, Jr., and released on \$50,000 bail. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 10:45 a.m. Nov. 10 before Judge Gadzicki. The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Douglas Lavenberg.

Approved for release:

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