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POTTSTOWN HEROIN DEALER DASHAWN SMITH RECEIVES SIGNIFICANT STATE PRISON SENTENCE



NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Dec. 15, 2016) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele today announced the sentencing of convicted heroin dealer Dashawn Smith, who was sentenced to 8.5 to 20 years for heroin trafficking in Pottstown, resisting arrest and the illegal possession of firearms.

Smith was arrested on Dec. 18, 2015 following a joint investigation by Pottstown Police, West Pottsgrove Police and Montgomery County Detectives into Smith's heroin trafficking activity. At the time of his arrest, law enforcement seized 1,291 bags of heroin with a street value of approximately \$13,000, nearly \$6,000 cash, a taser and five cell phones. The defendant was also being sentenced for a June 2013 arrest for possessing more than 900 bags of heroin and a .45 caliber firearm. Between the two cases, Smith was found guilty of Person Not to Possess a Firearm, two counts of Possession with Intent to Deliver, one count of Conspiracy to Possession with Intent to Deliver and Resisting Arrest.

At the sentencing hearing before the Honorable William R. Carpenter, Pottstown Det. Sgt. Michael Markovich testified that at the time of the defendant's arrests, each were the largest seizures of bagged heroin that he had seen. He further testified about how heroin has impacted the Pottstown community, the increased deaths and the use of naloxone.

"This sentence of up to 20 years is another example of the seriousness of dealing heroin," said DA Steele. "Drug traffickers need to be aware that the law enforcement community in Montgomery County is working to shut down the pipeline of heroin. If you are dealing, know that we are out there looking for you and when we find you, you are going to be prosecuted and you will be facing serious time in State Prison."

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kathleen McLaughlin, the Captain of the Drug Unit.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele