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FIVE MEN, INCLUDING JEWELERS ROW FENCE, CHARGED WITH 15 AREA BURGLARIES



Wasim Shazad



Jerrel Jaynes



Kebbie Ramseur



Shron Linder



Ralph Mayrant

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Jan. 20, 2017) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele, Chester County District Attorney Tom Hogan, Delaware County District Attorney Jack Whelan, Abington Police Deputy Chief John A. Livingood and Lower Merion Police Superintendent Michael J. McGrath, announce charges against five men for operating a corrupt organization by

burglarizing 15 high-end residences throughout the area and selling the stolen jewelry through the Jewelers Row jeweler who was part of their corrupt organization.

The 15 burglaries were committed in Montgomery (8), Delaware (6) and Chester (1) counties in Pennsylvania. The five are also suspects in burglaries in Cherry Hill, N.J. and in New Castle County, Dela., outside of Wilmington. The burglaries were committed between August 2015 and July 2016, with the most common items stolen from homeowners being money, jewelry and high-end purses. The victims in the charged burglaries suffered financial loss in excess of \$1.5 million. The Montgomery County DA's Office will prosecute the 15 burglaries that occurred in Pennsylvania.

Arrested today was Wasim Shazad of East Norriton, who owns a jewelry business and operates out of three storefronts on Philadelphia's Jewelers Row, on multiple charges, including corrupt organizations, dealing in proceeds of unlawful activity, receiving stolen property and failing to report precious metal transactions.

The four other men who are part of the corrupt organization—Kebbie Ramseur, Jerrel Jaynes, Shron Linder and Ralph Mayrant—were charged in July 2016 with six of the burglaries and have been in custody since. Additional multiple felony charges related to all 15 burglaries will be filed against them, including corrupt organizations, burglary, theft, robbery, conspiracy and receiving stolen property.

The charges come after a lengthy investigation that involved multiple law enforcement agencies, including police from Abington Township, Lower Merion Township and Whitmarsh Township in Montgomery County; Marple Township, Media, Newtown Square, Radnor Township in Delaware County; and Kennett Square in Chester County; as well as the New Castle County, Dela. Detective Bureau and Cherry Hill, N.J. Police.

Shazad was arraigned today before Magisterial District Judge Robert M. Sobeck, who set bail at \$250,000. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 10 a.m., Feb. 2, 2017 before Judge Sobeck. The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Ben McKenna and Timothy Collier.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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