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### **JULIE PARKER OF LANSDALE CHARGED WITH “DRUG DELIVERY RESULTING IN DEATH” IN HATFIELD FATAL OVERDOSE**



NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Jan. 27, 2017) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Hatfield Township Police Chief William J. Tierney announce the arrest of Julie Parker, 26, of Lansdale on the criminal homicide charge of Drug Delivery Resulting in Death in the Nov. 25, 2016, overdose death of Isabella Lowrie, 22, of Hatfield.

The investigation by Hatfield Township Police and the Montgomery County Detective Bureau revealed that earlier in the day before Ms. Lowrie was found dead in her bathroom, she had sent and received drug-related Facebook Messenger app messages with her heroin supplier, who said she would drive to Philadelphia to purchase heroin and would deliver the two bags of purported heroin and a syringe to her residence.

An autopsy by the Montgomery County Coroner's Office determined that the cause of Ms. Lowrie's death was a combination of heroin and the even deadlier drug fentanyl, a synthetic opioid that is 40 to 50 times more deadly than street-level heroin.

The investigation revealed that Parker was the victim's dealer. Parker is charged with Drug Delivery Resulting in Death, which is a felony criminal homicide charge that could result in a sentence of up to 40 years—a similar penalty to third-degree murder.

“Isabella Lowrie died by someone poisoning her, and that someone was a drug dealer. I want to be loud and clear with this message: if you deal drugs like pills, heroin or fentanyl and we can prove that the drugs you sold caused someone's death, you will be charged with homicide. We will be coming for you and charging you with Drug Delivery Resulting in Death,” said Steele. “This is our first arrest for this charge in 2017. During this epidemic we are facing, I expect more arrests. We are committed, and our law enforcement community is committed, to stemming the tide of the pain, suffering, addiction and death that those who traffic poison are raining down on our county and bringing into all of our lives.”

Parker was arraigned last night before Magisterial District Judge Christopher Cerski. Bail was set at \$1 million, and the defendant was remanded to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility. A preliminary hearing was set for 10:30 a.m., Feb. 9, 2017, before Magisterial District Judge Edward Levine.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Robert Kolansky, a member of our Narcotics Unit.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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