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ADAM TIMBARIO OF GILBERTSVILLE ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH ROUTE 100 FATAL HIT AND RUN



NORRISTOWN, Pa. (March 17, 2017)— Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Pottstown Police Chief F. Richard Drumheller announce the arrest of Adam Timbario, 28, of Gilbertsville, for Leaving the Scene of an Accident Involving Death or Injury (F2), Tampering/Fabricating Physical Evidence (M2) and related charges in connection with the March 3, 2017 crash that killed 24-year-old Donald Purnell.

A joint investigation by the Montgomery County Detective Bureau and the Pottstown Police Department determined that Mr. Purnell was crossing Route 100 on foot, just south of the intersection with Shoemaker Road. He had crossed over the northbound lanes of travel and the painted center medium, then walked into the left lane of the southbound travel lanes where he was struck by a Ford F150 pickup truck driven by the defendant. Timbario left the scene of the 7:55 p.m. crash without stopping. Mr. Purnell was pronounced dead at the scene.

Between 8:30 and 8:45 p.m. on March 3, the defendant contacted a potential buyer for his pickup truck. The defendant reached an agreement to sell the truck on March 4, and a body shop mechanic was contacted by the potential buyer to review the damage. Told about the crash by his mechanic, the potential buyer contacted police.

Timbario was arraigned today before Magisterial District Judge Scott T. Palladino, who set bail at \$75,000 unsecured. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 10 a.m., March 31, 2017 in front of Judge Palladino.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Richard Bradbury.

Approved for release:

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