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CHRISTOPHER COSSEL OF POTTSTOWN ARRESTED ON MULTIPLE CHARGES RELATED TO ROAD RAGE SHOOTING



NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Nov. 17, 2017)—Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Upper Pottsgrove Township Chief of Police Francis X. Wheatley announce the arrest of Christopher Cossel, 31, of Pottstown, for Aggravated Assault, Simple Assault, Person Not to Possess a Firearm and other charges stemming from a road rage shooting on Sept. 22, 2017, that took place on Route 100 in Montgomery and Berks counties.

On the morning of Sept. 22, 2017, multiple 911 calls were received about a road rage incident in progress. A joint investigation of the incident by the Upper Pottsgrove Township Police and Montgomery County Detective Bureau revealed that the two vehicles—a blue Dodge Caravan operated by Cossel and a white Chevrolet Malibu driven by the victim—were traveling northward on Route 100 in Montgomery County. The initial encounter occurred near North State

Street in Upper Pottsgrove. After this encounter, Cossel drove his vehicle onto the right-hand shoulder and then maneuvered in an attempt to broadside the victim's vehicle; the victim took defensive action and avoided the crash. Farther down Route 100, as the vehicles were stopped at the intersection of Route 100 and Township Line Road in Berks County, Cossel exited his vehicle and fired at least one gunshot from a semi-automatic weapon toward the victim's vehicle. The firearm used by Cossel was recovered by law enforcement.

Cossel was arraigned on Nov. 16 2017, before Magisterial District Judge Maurice H. Saylor, who set bail at \$99,000. He was unable to make bail and was remanded to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 11:15 a.m., Nov. 30, 2017, before Judge Saylor.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Lauren Alessi.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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