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ANTONIO LINDSAY OF PHILADELPHIA ARRESTED FOR FIRST-DEGREE MURDER OF JOSEPH KOHLER III IN CHELTENHAM



NORRISTOWN, Pa. (March 2, 2018) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Cheltenham Township Police Chief John Frye announce the arrest of Antonio Lindsay, 24, of Philadelphia, for the murder of Joseph Kohler III of Johnstown, Pa., who was found shot to death on the property of the Dominican Retreat House in Cheltenham on Jan. 30, 2018.

At 8:45 a.m., Jan. 30, 2018, Cheltenham Township Police responded to 1750 Ashbourne Road to find Kohler dead from a gunshot wound to the upper chest. The Montgomery County Detective Bureau and Cheltenham Township Police Department launched a joint investigation that revealed that Kohler had driven an acquaintance from Johnstown to the Philadelphia area on Jan. 27 and had been in the area since. During the early morning hours of Jan. 30, according to witness accounts, Lindsay and the victim exited Kohler's car and walked up a hill out of viewpoint. Witnesses then heard gunshots, and Lindsay returned to the car alone.

On Feb. 8, 2018, an arrest warrant was issued for Lindsay, and he was actively being sought by law enforcement. At 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 1, Lindsay was apprehended in the city of Philadelphia by members of the Homicide Fugitive Task Force. This task force is comprised of United States Deputy Marshals and members of the Philadelphia Police Department Homicide Fugitive Unit.

Lindsay was arraigned last night before Magisterial District Judge James P. Gallagher. Bail was denied as defendants charged with first-degree murder are not eligible for bail, and Lindsay was remanded to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 11 a.m. on March 14, 2018, before Judge Christopher J. Cerski.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Kelly Lloyd and Erika Wevodau.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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