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### **JACQUELINE JACKSON ARRESTED FOR OVERNIGHT HOMICIDE OF CHARLES DEWALT IN NORRISTOWN**



**JACQUELINE JACKSON**

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (May 20, 2019) – Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Norristown Borough Police Chief Mark E. Talbot announce the arrest of Jacqueline Janis Jackson, 35, on First-Degree Murder and related charges in the homicide of Charles Dewalt, 58. The homicide occurred outside of a residence in the 800 block of Smith Street in Norristown Borough where both lived.

At 2:14 a.m., on May 20, 2019 the Norristown Police Department responded to 827 Smith Street for a report of a stabbing. When officers arrived on scene they found the victim lying in the parking lot with a visible stab wound to the chest. Charles Dewalt was taken to Mercy Suburban Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Montgomery County Detectives and Norristown Police launched a joint investigation, which found that the victim had been stabbed by his roommate, Jacqueline Jackson, after a loud, physical argument inside of the apartment. Witnesses described the pair continuing the argument outside of the apartment when the victim was stabbed in the chest with a kitchen knife.

An autopsy was conducted today by Dr. Erica Williams, a Forensic Pathologist with the Montgomery County Medical Examiner's Office. She determined the cause of death to be a stab wound to the chest and the manner of death was ruled a homicide.

Jacqueline Jackson was arraigned on murder and related charges. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., May 31, 2019 before Magisterial Judge Margaret Hunsicker. Bail is not available for First-Degree Murder charges.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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