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### **LANCASTER MAN ARRESTED FOR SEXUAL ASSAULTS OF MENTALLY DISABLED, ELDERLY WOMAN**



**MALQUAN CRAIG**

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (July 19, 2022) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele announces the arrest of Malquan Craig, 23, of Lancaster, Pa., on multiple charges related to the aggravated indecent sexual assaults of a blind, deaf and mute 70-year-old woman that took place in Norristown, Lansdale and West Norriton.

The investigation began when the Montgomery County Detective Bureau was contacted on May 23, 2022, by Lancaster City Police Det. Gareth Lowe who reported that in the course of an investigation of the defendant, he discovered a number of videos of sexual assaults on a handicapped elderly woman that had taken place in Montgomery County in 2020 and 2021. The investigation found that the victim was under 24-hour care by H.A.P., Inc., which provides care for people with intellectual development disabilities. At the times of the assaults, the defendant's girlfriend was the certified nursing assistant employed by H.A.P. overseeing the care of the woman, who suffers from medical conditions that have left her blind, deaf and mute. The investigation found that the defendant and his girlfriend would order takeout food, then go pick up the food with the victim in the car. Craig sexually assaulted the victim by fondling the victim's bare breasts, touching her vagina and exposing her bare buttocks while his girlfriend was

inside the restaurant picking up the food. The defendant recorded the assaults on his cellphone, which also recorded a date/time stamp and location information.

“As prosecutors, we must stand up for victims who can’t protect themselves from the depraved acts of people like this defendant,” said DA Steele.

The defendant was arrested on multiple counts of indecent assault of a mentally disabled victim, indecent assault and invasion of privacy. An additional charge of felony aggravated indecent assault will be added at the preliminary hearing. Craig was arraigned on July 12, 2022, before Magisterial District Judge Albert J. Augustine, who set bail at \$150,000 cash. As part of the PreTrials Services Program, the bail was reviewed on July 15, 2022, and was increased by Court of Common Pleas Judge Henry S. Hilles III to \$500,000 cash. The defendant is being held in a Lancaster County prison on unrelated charges. A preliminary hearing is set for 10:45 a.m., Sept. 12, 2022, before Judge Augustine.

The case will be prosecuted by ADA Karla Pisarcik, with the Family Protection Unit.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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