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DA ANNOUNCES INVESTIGATION INTO SHOOTING HOMICIDE IN POTTSTOWN

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Aug. 29, 2022) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Pottstown Police Chief Mick Markovich announce a joint investigation into a homicide that occurred the 100 block of Grant Street in Pottstown. The victim was identified as 25-year-old Dakari Rome of Pottstown.

On Sunday, Aug. 28, 2022, at approximately 10:06 p.m., Pottstown Police were dispatched for a call of shots fired in the area of Grant Street at Union Alley. They arrived to find blood stains and several fired cartridge casings. Minutes later, Pottstown Police were notified that two gunshot victims arrived by separate private vehicles at Pottstown Hospital. Rome was suffering from a gunshot wound to the chest and was pronounced dead by an emergency room physician. The second victim, a 17-year-old male, was driven to the hospital by his mother. He was treated for a gunshot wound to his hand and was released.

An autopsy was performed on Rome's body by Dr. Khalil Wardak, a forensic pathologist with the Montgomery County Coroner's Office, who determined that the cause of death is a gunshot wound to the chest and the manner of death is homicide.

Anyone with information about the shooting is asked to contact the Pottstown Police Department at 610-970-6570 or call Montgomery County Detectives at 610-226-5553. Anonymous text tips can be submitted using MontcoCrimeTips on the STOPit! app. The STOPit! app can be downloaded for free from the App Store for iPhones or Google Play for Androids, then use code MONTCOPA to get the Montgomery County version of the app.

Approved for release:

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