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PRESS RELEASE

Update

Honey Brook Man Arrested in West Chester for Murder of Girlfriend in Lancaster County

The Chester County District Attorney's Office, Lancaster County District Attorney's Office and Pennsylvania State Police announced the arrest of Matthew J. Moser, 31, for the murder of Kristin Graham that occurred on or about March 1, 2020, at her residence in Caernavon Township, Lancaster County, PA. The defendant was arrested by Pennsylvania State Police on March 3, 2020, after a lengthy standoff at the Quality Inn Hotel in West Goshen, Chester County, PA.

District Attorney Deb Ryan stated, "The Pennsylvania State Police engaged in a thorough and successful investigation. They were able to diffuse a life threatening situation where dozens of people could have been hurt. We are grateful for their work, as well as the joint efforts of the West Goshen and Westtown East Goshen Police Departments to bring this case to a swift and safe conclusion."

Moser is at a Chester County hospital under police guard and is expected to be released into police custody, possibly as soon as Wednesday afternoon. He is expected to be transported to Lancaster County and then arraigned by a district judge. Moser is presumed innocent.

Moser lived part-time at the residence where the victim was found dead. He and Graham were in a relationship.

The Lancaster County Coroner's Office performed an autopsy Wednesday morning and ruled the death a homicide.

A collaborative effort between multiple law-enforcement agencies led to Moser's arrest Tuesday evening at the Quality Inn hotel in West Goshen. Other occupants of the hotel were evacuated as police made contact with Moser and eventually took him into custody.

Lancaster County District Attorney Heather Adams credits the Chester County District Attorney's Office for assistance in the investigation and arrest operation, as well as the Pennsylvania State Police and other police/fire agencies that assisted. "This situation presented an extreme risk of additional violence, and it was the fine work and collaboration between multiple agencies that prevented that from happening," District Attorney Adams said Wednesday.

The following is a summation of the crime and events before and after, based on information obtained so far in the ongoing investigation:

Pennsylvania State Police were dispatched on Monday, March 2, 2020, around 6 p.m. to a home on Twin County Road in Caernarvon Township to check on the welfare of an occupant. Police found Kristin Graham deceased in an upstairs bedroom. The bedroom door had been shut and locked.

Police obtained information from multiple individuals indicating Moser's involvement in Graham's death. Moser admitted in conversations with relatives to harming Graham. Moser had been living at the Twin County Road home and the Quality Inn hotel in Chester County.

Pennsylvania State Police Trooper Clinton Wagner, with approval from Assistant District Attorney Travis S. Anderson, filed murder charges Tuesday. The criminal complaint was initially sealed for public safety purposes, as Moser had not yet been taken into custody.

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Approved for release:

Deborah Ryan
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