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PRESS RELEASE

Arrest Made in South Coatesville Murder

The Chester County District Attorney's Office and South Coatesville Police Department announced the arrest of defendant Dominic "Buddha" Poulson for the murder of Victor Wilson outside the Malibu Club, South Coatesville Borough, Chester County, Pennsylvania. The murder took place on Saturday, September 30, 2017.

The defendant is 28 years old. He is unemployed. His last known address was in Edwardsville, Pennsylvania, but immediately prior to the murder the defendant was spotted multiple times in Coatesville, Pennsylvania. The defendant associates with the "Cut Throat Family," a criminal organization that is active in Philadelphia, Coatesville, and other areas in the region.

District Attorney Hogan stated, "This is a case where a shoving match turned into a cold-blooded murder. The victim, a hard-working guy who was just celebrating a promotion, was gunned down because an out-of-town criminal felt disrespected. We have a simple message for the rest of the Cut Throat Family crew: We know who you are and you should stay out of Chester County."

South Coatesville Police Chief Kevin Pierce stated, “Our police officers worked diligently with the Chester County Detectives to solve this case. The law-abiding citizens of South Coatesville will not allow this type of violence in our borough.”

The facts alleged in the complaint are as follows:¹

On Saturday, September 30, 2017, the defendant was attending a party at the Malibu Club, 602 South 1st Avenue, South Coatesville. The defendant had a gun with him, which he was not licensed to carry. The party was well-attended. A little after 2:00 a.m., the victim Victor Wilson arrived at the party.

When the victim arrived, the defendant started to argue with the victim at the entrance to the Malibu Club. The altercation then became physical, with the victim pushing the defendant to the ground at one point. Witnesses reported that the defendant and the victim started to walk outside the club for a fist-fight, a “fair one” in the language of the streets.

However, the defendant then pulled out the gun he was carrying and shot the victim multiple times. The victim fell to the street. The defendant stood over the victim’s body and shot him again and again. The defendant fled immediately after the shooting.

The victim was declared dead at the scene. A later autopsy revealed that he had been shot five times, including shots to the head and torso.

The defendant was identified by multiple witnesses. He has a distinctive tattoo on his forehead, making identification easier. The defendant is known to associate with the Cut Throat Family. He has “CTF” tattoos on his neck and along the side of his face, which stands for Cut Throat Family. The police also recovered a Cut Throat Family sweatshirt from the area where the defendant fled after the murder.

The defendant has been charged with first degree murder and related offenses. There is no bail for first degree murder cases. The defendant has been in custody since shortly after the murder.

¹ A criminal defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty in court.

District Attorney Hogan added, “We are grateful that witnesses came forward to allow law enforcement to make this arrest. The cooperation of the community is an invaluable tool in fighting violent crime.”

Anybody with information about this case should contact Chester County Detective Keith Cowdright at (610) 344-6866. The assigned prosecutor is Deputy District Attorney Carlos Barraza.

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Approved for release:

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