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**PRESS RELEASE**

**District Attorney's Report on  
Troopers Discharging Firearms**

On May 23, 2018, three Pennsylvania State Police Troopers discharged their firearms in the line of duty. Nobody was struck and nobody was injured. According to the policy of the Chester County District Attorney's Office (the "DAO"), such a discharge of firearms triggers an investigation led by an independent agency. In this incident, the Chester County Detectives - the investigating division of the DAO - conducted the investigation. The state police assisted in the investigation.

The investigation revealed the following facts. On May 23, 2018, after 11:00 p.m., Troopers responded to a call for an erratic driver on Route 1 northbound in Chester County, Pennsylvania. The Troopers located the vehicle, observed erratic driving, and noted that the Saturn vehicle had an expired registration. When the Troopers attempted to initiate a traffic stop, the driver of the Saturn fled. The Troopers pursued and there was a high speed chase. The Saturn eventually pulled into an open lot off of Old Baltimore Pike in London Grove Township. There was contact between a PSP vehicle and the Saturn, but the Saturn kept fleeing. Two PSP vehicles then had the Saturn pinned between them and the Troopers exited their vehicles to confront the driver. The scene was dark and extremely dusty from the car chase. The Saturn suddenly backed up and pulled out again. Three of the Troopers who were on foot discharged their

weapons. Nobody was hit or injured. The Saturn was hit by one round in a tire. The driver of the Saturn continued to flee before eventually being captured a short distance away when the car became entangled in underbrush.

The District Attorney's Office has reviewed all of the underlying evidence in the incident and the relevant statutes and precedents regarding the use of force by the Troopers who discharged their firearms and concluded that no charges will be filed against the Troopers. The driver of the Saturn, Brian Touchton, has been charged with DUI, Fleeing and Eluding, Reckless Endangerment, and other offenses. He currently is incarcerated at Chester County Prison after failing to post bail.

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Approved for release:

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