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**District Attorney Names New
Commanders for Chester County Detectives**

Chester County District Attorney Tom Hogan announced the promotion of new commanders for the Chester County Detectives. Kevin Dykes has been named the Chief of the Chester County Detectives. Michael McGinnis has been promoted to the position of Lieutenant of the Chester County Detectives. Chief Dykes is replacing Jim Vito, who recently retired.

The Chester County Detectives are the investigative arm of the Chester County District Attorney's Office. Detectives are divided into several areas: major crimes, child abuse, drugs and organized crime, computer forensics, and crime scene forensics.

District Attorney Tom Hogan stated, "The Chester County District Attorney's Office is fortunate to have strong leadership for our detectives. Kevin Dykes and Mike McGinnis have proven themselves as investigators, supervisors, and team players. They are known and respected throughout Chester County law enforcement for their skill and integrity."

Chief Dykes has served with the Chester County Detectives since 2001. He has been assigned to the Major Crimes Unit, investigating homicides, violent crimes, financial crimes, and drug violations. He was promoted to the position of Lieutenant in 2012.

Prior to joining the Chester County Detectives, Chief Dykes was a member of the Pennsylvania State Police from 1981-2001. With the Pennsylvania State Police, he rose to the rank of Corporal and handled significant drug investigations.

Chief Dykes stated, "It is truly an honor and a privilege to be promoted to Chief of the Chester County Detectives. I am grateful for this opportunity given to me by District Attorney Hogan to lead this outstanding group of individuals. I would be remiss if I didn't also thank Chief Vito, who has been a mentor to me over the past four years. I look forward to continuing the working relationships that have been established between the Chester County Detectives and the entire law enforcement community in Chester County and throughout the region."

Lieutenant McGinnis has served with the Chester County Detectives since 2000. As a line detective, he worked in the Major Crimes Unit, the Crime Scene Forensics Unit, and the Drugs and Organized Crime Unit. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2013. Most recently, he supervised the Major Crimes Unit.

Lieutenant McGinnis previously served with the West Chester Police Department from 1986 – 2000. In West Chester, Lieutenant McGinnis worked in the areas of patrol, drug enforcement, and criminal investigations.

Lieutenant McGinnis stated, "I am grateful to District Attorney Hogan and Chief Dykes for the confidence they have shown in me. I am honored to work with such an exceptional team of law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and office staff."

Chief Dykes and Lieutenant McGinnis will be formally sworn in at 1:00 p.m. on January 8, 2016 in Courtroom 2 of the Justice Center before the Honorable Anthony Sarcione.

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Approved for release:

Thomas P. Hogan