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PRESS RELEASE

**Chester County District Attorney Announces Arrest in
Fatal Stabbing in Upper Uwchlan Township**

Chester County District Attorney Tom Hogan announced the arrest of James Hvizda for the murder of his wife. The defendant stabbed his wife to death at approximately 11:00 p.m. on Sunday night in a store parking lot in Upper Uwchlan Township, Chester County, PA.

District Attorney Hogan stated, "This was a cold-blooded, pre-planned killing. The defendant executed his wife, the mother of his four children, with casual efficiency. Those four children are now left without a mother and with a father charged with murder."

The allegations from the criminal complaint¹ are as follows:

On Sunday night at approximately 11:10 p.m., James Hvizda walked into Upper Uwchlan Police Department to report that he had just killed his wife. Moments earlier, James Hvizda had been at the WAWA located at 1800 Ticonderoga Blvd. in Upper Uwchlan Township. There he had met his estranged wife Kimberly Hvizda who was beginning her shift. They had a conversation in front of the store and then walked over to Kimberly Hvizda's van. Once at the van, James Hvizda drew a knife and stabbed his estranged wife multiple times. A worker at the store eventually went out to check on Kimberly when she did not return and found her in the parking lot. A call was placed to 911 at approximately the same time as police made their notifications and EMT's responded. Kimberly Hvizda was pronounced dead at the scene.

Law enforcement departments responding included Upper Uwchlan Township Police Department, as well as police departments from Uwchlan Township, West Vincent Township, West Pikeland Township, West Whiteland Township, and East Brandywine Township. Members of the Chester County District Attorney's Office and the Chester County Detectives

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

also responded to the scene and assisted. Emergency units from the Uwchlan Ambulance Corp. and the Lionville Fire Company also assisted.

Upper Uwchlan Township Police Chief John DeMarco stated, "This was a cooperative effort of local and county law enforcement agencies. A substantial amount of resources were immediately mobilized which allowed us to have a favorable outcome in this situation. I appreciate the efforts of everyone involved in this incident. The citizens of Chester County can be proud of this team effort."

District Attorney Tom Hogan said "This tragic case was quickly resolved because of the dedication and cooperation of several law enforcement agencies. Through their coordinated efforts we were able to secure and process the crime scene, arrest the defendant, and ensure the safety of the community. Chester County is fortunate to have a top notch law enforcement team that can work together and support each other during a major investigation such as this one."

Kimberly Hvizda had a Protection From Abuse Order against James Hvizda since November of 2011. The order was to be active until November 2014. The couple has four children together. James Hvizda is currently in custody awaiting arraignment on charges of first degree murder and related offenses.

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Approved for release:

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