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### PRESS RELEASE

#### DA: Police Nab Bank Robber

Chester County District Attorney Tom Hogan announced the arrest of Marcus Akiem Ricketts for an armed bank robbery in Uwchlan Township, Chester County. The defendant was arrested on July 2, 2012, minutes after robbing M&T Bank at 760 North Pottstown Pike.

District Attorney Hogan stated, "Chester County law enforcement responded aggressively to arrest this defendant. Working as a team, we had this gun-toting criminal in handcuffs before he could count the stolen money. This was a great example of a strong police presence keeping Chester County residents safe."

The Uwchlan Township Police Department was the primary department in this case. Uwchlan PD was assisted by the Chester County Detectives, Federal Bureau of Investigation out of Newtown Square, Upper Uwchlan Police Department, the West Whiteland Police Department, and other agencies.

The defendant is a resident of Pottstown, Pennsylvania. He is 35 years old. He is 6'5" and weighs 270 pounds.

The facts alleged in the criminal complaint are as follows:<sup>1</sup>

At approximately 10:30 a.m. on July 2, the defendant entered M&T Bank. He was wearing a black ski mask and gloves. The defendant pointed a gun at the bank employees and demanded money. The defendant took over \$29,000 at gun-point, then fled from the bank.

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<sup>1</sup> A criminal defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty at trial.

An alert Uwchlan police officer spotted the defendant fleeing through nearby woods. The officer then saw a car speed out of the area near the woods where the defendant had fled. The defendant was driving a white Audi A-6.

Uwchlan officers stopped the defendant's car and obtained a search warrant. Inside the car, the police found the money taken from the bank, a .40 caliber semi-automatic handgun, a black ski mask, and gloves. The defendant had placed the money under water in a cooler, apparently attempting to defeat any tracking device.

The defendant has been charged with armed robbery, firearms offenses, and other charges. Bail was set at \$50,000 cash and the defendant was remanded to Chester County Prison.

District Attorney Hogan added, "The defendant put a good amount of planning into this crime, from the disguise to placing the money in water. We will be consulting with other jurisdictions to see if the defendant was responsible for other bank robberies. Other banks should remember a 6'5", 270 pound bank robber."

Uwchlan Police Chief Joe Pontarelli stated, "This was excellent police work by our department and the assisting agencies. It was a great team effort. We will keep Uwchlan Township a safe place to live and work."

Assistant District Attorney Brian Burack has been assigned to prosecute this matter.

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Approved for release:

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