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PRESS RELEASE

Coatesville Homicide

Chester County District Attorney Tom Hogan announced that there was a homicide in Coatesville Monday night at approximately 11:30 p.m. The victim, Alex Davis, was shot. The homicide took place in the area of 6th Avenue and Belmont Street. The victim was transported to Brandywine Hospital and was pronounced dead at 11:53 p.m.

The Coatesville Police Department, Pennsylvania State Police, and Chester County Detectives responded to the scene and are investigating. Anyone with information should contact Chester County Detective Ed Nolan at 610-344-5100 or Coatesville Detective Kevin Campbell at 610-384-2300.

District Attorney Hogan stated, "This is the second homicide in Coatesville in less than a week. The Coatesville Police Department is doing everything they can under difficult circumstances, but the truth is that they are understaffed. The best way to prevent these street homicides is to have a visible and active police patrol presence. The Coatesville PD lacks sufficient officers right now to provide that patrol presence. The inevitable result of cutting police staffing for any area is a decrease in safety for the residents. I am calling on the leadership of the City of Coatesville to provide a sufficient number of police officers to keep the residents of Coatesville safe."

Hogan added, "We will continue to use the Chester County Detectives to work with Coatesville PD. The Pennsylvania State Police are providing invaluable assistance. Working together, we will solve these homicides and bring the killers to justice."

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