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PRESS RELEASE

Coatesville Homicide Defendant Caught

Chester County District Attorney Tom Hogan announced the arrest of Damon Wylie for first degree murder and related charges. On July 27, 2012, the defendant allegedly killed Marcus Miles by stabbing him to death in the 700 block of Diamond Alley in Coatesville, PA.

The defendant is 46 years old. His last residence was 133 Pennsylvania Avenue in Coatesville.

District Attorney Hogan stated, "This was outstanding police work by the Coatesville Police Department and the Chester County Detectives. Working together, they responded quickly, sorted through a difficult crime scene, discovered key evidence, and located and arrested the defendant. Chester County law enforcement never rests."

The allegations of the criminal complaint are as follows:¹

On Friday, July 27, 2012, at approximately 11:00 p.m., police responded to 758 Diamond Alley in Coatesville for the report of a stabbing. The victim was identified as Marcus Miles of Coatesville. The victim had been stabbed multiple times. The victim was transported to Paoli Hospital and pronounced dead at approximately 1:00 a.m. on July 28.

The police located an eye-witness. The witness described a confrontation between the defendant and the victim that ended with the defendant repeatedly stabbing the victim with scissors. The victim was unarmed. The police recovered blood-stained scissors at the scene.

The defendant fled the area. He had known ties to Coatesville and West Chester. The Coatesville Police Department, West Chester Police Department, and Chester County Detectives engaged in an intensive manhunt, including multiple civilian reports of sightings of

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

the defendant. Police eventually located the defendant at Crozer-Chester Medical Center in Delaware County, where he was being treated for injuries consistent with holding and using scissors as a weapon.

On July 30, 2012, the defendant was arrested. He will be transported to Chester County Prison. Because of the nature of the charges, no bail is permitted.

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Approved for release:

Thomas P. Hogan