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Chester County District Attorney Announces Coatesville Gang Fugitive Arrest

Chester County District Attorney Tom Hogan announced the arrest of William Curtis Shockley, Jr. a/k/a "Pumpkin", age 24, for robbery, aggravated assault, witness intimidation and related offenses. Shockley, of Strode Ave. in Coatesville, was arrested Friday evening after law enforcement received information that he was hiding in a hotel in Kinzers, Lancaster County. There had been a warrant for Shockley's arrest since late July.

District Attorney Hogan stated, "The defendant claims to be the leader of a street gang in Coatesville. He makes his living through assaults, threats, and intimidation. Taking this defendant off the street is one step in making Coatesville a safer place to live."

The allegations from the criminal complaint¹ are as follows:

On April 11, 2012, Shockley pistol whipped the victim in the face with a handgun and robbed him of approximately \$4,000.00 at the defendant's home in Coatesville. The victim was treated for a broken nose and a head injury at Brandywine Hospital. Afterward, Shockley threatened the victim with physical violence to intimidate the victim from reporting the robbery to police.

Shockley has been charged with robbery, aggravated assault, simple assault, recklessly endangering another person, possession of an instrument of crime, theft by unlawful taking, receiving stolen property, terroristic threats and intimidation of a witness. Shockley is currently incarcerated in Chester County Prison.

District Attorney Hogan added, "The defendant is part of the 'stop snitching' culture in Coatesville. Anybody who spouts off this 'stop snitching' nonsense might as well hold up a sign identifying themselves as criminals and asking to be caught."

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

The Coatesville Police Department was assisted by the Chester County Detectives, the Pennsylvania State Police and the Chester County District Attorney's Office Drug Unit.

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Approved for release:

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