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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **COATESVILLE MAN CHARGED IN MURDER OF MOTHER OF HIS CHILD AND PREGNANT WOMAN**

The DAO and Valley Twp Police announce the arrest of Mamadou Kallie, 23, of Coatesville, for the murders of Tiara Rodriguez-Diaz, 20, and Kimberly Ortiz-Zayas, 21, both of Coatesville, and the killing of Ortiz-Zayas' unborn child on May 29, 2022, in Valley Twp. The defendant is charged with two counts of 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder, murder of an unborn child, carjacking, fleeing and eluding, endangering the welfare of a child, and related charges. The defendant is held without bail due to the nature of the charges at Chester County Prison.

DA Deb Ryan, "The senseless and tragic murders of two women and an unborn child are outrageous. Domestic violence continues to plague our communities and homes, and its ripple effect has life-altering consequences for too many people. We will do everything in our power to hold Mamadou Kallie accountable for these premeditated, intentional, and cold-blooded murders."

Valley Twp Police Chief Glenn Eckman said, "Valley Twp experienced a horrific double murder on a holiday weekend when family and friends were supposed to enjoy summer's unofficial start. Instead, two young women and an unborn child are dead. It was a brutal scene for law enforcement to process, but I thank all our partners for their collaboration in finding and arresting the defendant."

The allegations in the complaint are the following<sup>1</sup>:

On May 29, 2022, at 9:21 p.m., Coatesville Police responded to a domestic dispute in the 300-block of Mount Pleasant Street between the defendant and Rodriguez-Diaz while they were visiting friends. Rodriguez-Diaz, who was inside a Toyota Corolla with their 22-month-old child in the backseat, told officers that everything was fine. The defendant became agitated when police questioned the victim but walked away from the victim's car and got into a black Ford Edge.

After speaking with the victim and defendant, Rodriguez-Diaz drove off with the child in the back, and police cleared the scene.

Thirty minutes later, Valley Twp Police responded to an accident, and the report of shots fired in the 300-block of E. Glencrest Rd. in Valley Twp. A witness told police she heard nine shots fired, and another witness reported seeing a black SUV flee the scene.

Police found Rodriguez-Diaz in the driver's seat of a Toyota Corolla with multiple gunshot wounds. She was taken to Paoli Hospital, where she was pronounced dead shortly after arrival.

Investigators discovered a trail of blood from the car's front passenger door to Ortiz-Zayas lying on the side of the road. She was pronounced dead at the scene. Police later learned that she was 5 months pregnant.

Fired cartridge casings were located inside and outside the car, and a cell phone covered in blood was found on the center console. Investigators observed a dent in the Toyota Corolla and tire mark transfer on the driver's side rear door. The child was not found at the scene.

At 10:45 p.m., West Chester Police responded to the report of a carjacking at Rt. 162 and Telegraph Rd. in East Bradford Twp. A victim, known to the defendant, reported that his black Infiniti was stolen at gunpoint by the defendant. He stated

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<sup>1</sup> A defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

that while he was detailing his car on the 100-block of Pennsylvania Ave. on May 29, the defendant pulled up in a black Ford Edge, jumped into the victim's car, and ordered him to drive and to stay on back roads. He told him to drive to Philadelphia and asked him for a change of clothes. The defendant later pointed a black handgun to his head while he was driving and ordered him out of the car in East Bradford Twp. The victim flagged down a passing motorist and called police.

After a police pursuit involving multiple police units, where they attempted to stop the Infiniti using sirens, lights, and stop sticks, the defendant was stopped in Caln Twp. at 11:04 p.m.

The defendant exited the car holding a gun to himself. Police successfully negotiated a peaceful surrender, and the defendant was taken into custody at 11:41 p.m.

Police recovered a Taurus G2C 9mm gun, which contained a live round in the chamber and a live round in the magazine. Detectives saw red stains on the defendant's shirt consistent with blood.

Coatesville Police later located the black Ford Edge parked on Star Alley, near the 100-block of Pennsylvania Ave. Police observed damage on the front passenger side of the car. A car part with Ford markings that was missing from the Ford Edge was found under the passenger side of the Toyota Corolla where the victims were shot.

The 22-month-old child of the defendant and Rodriguez-Diaz was later found uninjured in Coatesville with relatives of the defendant. It is believed that the defendant removed the child from the car after shooting the two women.

Chester County Detectives and Valley Twp Police are investigating. DDA Erin O'Brien is the assigned prosecutor.

If anyone has any information about this case please contact Chester County Detectives at 610-344-6866.

If you feel unsafe around someone you love, contact the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County's 24/7 hotline at 888-711-6270 or 610-431-1430. Call 911 if you are in immediate danger.

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Approved for release by Deborah Ryan, District Attorney