COATESVILLE MAN ARRESTED FOR KILLING ROOMMATE

The Chester County District Attorney’s Office and City of Coatesville Police Department announce the arrest of Uley Hines, 83, of Coatesville, PA, in connection to the fatal shooting of Keith Boggs, 61, in Coatesville on August 19, 2023. The defendant was arrested on August 19, 2023, and charged with murder of the first degree, murder of the third degree, possession of an instrument of crime, and possession of a weapon. The defendant was remanded to Chester County Prison in lieu of bail given the nature of the charges.

DA Deb Ryan said, “This was a senseless crime that has left a community grieving. Gun violence remains a devastating epidemic across the nation and we send our deepest condolences to Mr. Boggs’s family and friends. Our office will do everything in our power to hold the defendant accountable for this loss.”

The allegations in the complaint are the following1:

On August 19, 2023, at approximately 8:41 a.m., the Coatesville City Police Department responded to a residence on the 200 Block of Graham Avenue, Coatesville, Chester County, for a report of a shooting.

1 A defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.
At approximately 8:44 a.m., Coatesville City Police officers arrived on scene and found the victim lying unresponsive on the front steps of the residence. Officers observed one gunshot wound to the upper left chest area and found no pulse.

Officers heard a female juvenile screaming inside the residence as additional emergency medical personnel arrived on scene. Once inside an officer observed a bloody shoeprint located a few feet from the front door entryway, along with a few drops of blood. No other occupants were found inside the residence. Washington Hose EMS transported the victim to Paoli Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Investigators spoke with the 911 caller who informed them that he had heard two gunshots and later observed the feet of the victim lying on the ground.

Law enforcement viewed residential camera footage from the 911 caller. Portions of the stairs and front of the 200-block residence were captured on camera. At approximately 8:10 a.m., police observed the victim walking down the front steps of the home, when an elderly male wearing tan pants, a blue flannel shirt, and light-colored baseball cap crossed paths with him on the steps. He was later identified as Uley Hines, the victim’s roommate.

After the victim entered the home, he was heard walking up the steps. At 8:23 a.m., the defendant was observed walking up the steps of the home and onto the front porch area. At approximately 8:29 a.m. the front door of the residence was observed being opened.

Later that afternoon investigators interviewed a witness at the Coatesville City Police Station. The witness informed them that the defendant lived at the residence with the victim, another roommate and her child. The witness stated that prior to the shooting, she was seated in the front living room of her residence reading her bible. The witness heard the third roommate leaving the residence, and later heard the victim talking outside. She overheard an argument between the victim and defendant over a dog. The witness then heard the victim take the dog up the stairs and into the residence, before hearing two gunshots. Immediately after the gunshots, the witness heard the defendant say, “I told you to stop f—ing with me!” The witness then heard the victim falling to the ground.

An autopsy was completed on August 21, 2023. Investigators learned that the victim sustained three bullet wounds, one on the left side of the chest, one on the right side of the chest, and one of the right arm.
A review of the Coatesville City street camera surveillance system, in conjunction with license plate reader (LPR) camera software, revealed that the defendant’s vehicle left his residence around 8:43 a.m. and traveled toward N. 3rd Avenue and Fleetwood Street until he headed westbound on Lincoln Highway.

At the Coatesville Police Department, Hines was observed to be wearing a blue hat, blue flannel shirt, white shirt under the flannel, tan pants, and grey shoes.

The Coatesville City Police Department and the Chester County Detectives are the investigators. ADA Bridget Gallagher is the assigned prosecutor.

Anyone with information about this case is asked to contact Coatesville Detective Carmen Mollichella at 610-384-2300 or Chester County Detective Steve Parkinson at 610-344-5684.

Approved for release by Deborah Ryan, District Attorney