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HOMICIDE ARREST WARRANT ISSUED FOR STEVEN HOLMES FOR THE POTTSTOWN STABBING; VICTIM IDENTIFIED



NORRISTOWN (Aug. 2, 2017)—Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Pottstown Borough Police Chief F. Richard Drumheller announce that an arrest warrant has been issued for Steven Holmes for the killing of Diamonde Stone. Holmes has no fixed address and is believed to be homeless. He is known to frequent the Pottstown area.

The killing occurred on Sunday, July 30, 2017, in the 300 block of High Street in Pottstown. Pottstown Police responded at 10:32 p.m., for a reported fight at that location. Arriving officers found a 35-year-old male victim, Mr. Stone, suffering from apparent stab wounds. He was pronounced dead at Pottstown Memorial Hospital. An autopsy was conducted on July 31, 2017 by Dr. Marianne Hamel with the Montgomery County Coroner's Office, who opined that Stone died from a stab wound to the chest with injuries to the heart. The manner of death was ruled homicide.

A warrant for Steven Holmes' arrest on charges of First-Degree Murder, Third-Degree Murder and Possessing Instruments of Crime was signed by Magisterial District Judge Edward C. Kropp, Sr. Anyone with information concerning

Holmes' whereabouts is asked to contact the Pottstown Police Department at 610-970-6570 or the Montgomery County Detective Bureau at 610-278-3368.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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