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### **APPEAL BY KANE ASSOCIATE PATRICK REESE DENIED; SCHEDULED TO REPORT TO MCCF NOV. 13**

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Nov. 1, 2017) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele received notice from the Pennsylvania Supreme Court that it has denied the petition for allowance of appeal of Patrick Rocco Reese. The District Attorney's Office and defense counsel agreed that Reese would surrender to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility at 9 a.m., Monday, November 13, 2017, and Judge William R. Carpenter issued an order today to that effect.

Reese was sentenced on March 3, 2016, by Judge Carpenter to three to six months in prison, a \$1,000 fine and 100 hours of community service after he was convicted on Dec. 8, 2015, of Indirect Criminal Contempt. Following the March 3rd sentencing hearing, Reese appealed his sentence. On Feb. 27, 2017, the Pennsylvania Superior Court affirmed Reese's conviction and judgment of sentence. On Oct. 31, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court declined to hear Reese's appeal.

Reese was a supervisory special agent and a close confidant of former Attorney General Kathleen Kane. Reese was arrested and charged on Aug. 11, 2015, with Indirect Criminal Contempt for violating Judge Carpenter's protective order, which barred employees of the Office of the Attorney General from accessing information related to the secret 35th Statewide Investigating Grand Jury. The grand jury was examining the improper release of secret information from a prior 2009 grand jury, and through the course of the grand jury proceeding, the Office of the Attorney General of Pennsylvania as well as then-Attorney General Kane became a subject of the leak investigation. When it was found that Reese accessed the OAG's email archiving system, called eVault, to review emails pertaining to the grand jury investigation, he was arrested and charged.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele