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VIDEO AND PHOTO RELEASED IN CHELTENHAM TRAFFIC DISPUTE HOMICIDE; Detectives Seeking Help in Identifying Involved Vehicle



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NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Oct. 19, 2018) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Cheltenham Township Police Chief John Frye request assistance in identifying the suspect vehicle involved in the Oct. 15, 2018 homicide of Rithina Torn that occurred at the intersection of Dewey Road and Front Street in the Melrose Park section of Cheltenham Township. Torn died as a result of multiple gunshots.

The investigation has revealed the suspect vehicle is a black or dark-colored sedan, which traveled from westbound Cheltenham Avenue onto Bellmawr Avenue and Dewey Road. The vehicle was driving with activated high-beam lights. Following the homicide, which occurred at approximately 9:30 p.m., the suspect vehicle fled north on Front Street. Investigators are also seeking the drivers of two vehicles that drove through the intersection immediately following the homicide.

Anyone with information concerning the black or dark-colored sedan or other information about this homicide is asked to call the Cheltenham Township Police Department at 215-885-1600 or the Montgomery County Detective Bureau at 610-278-3368. Or anonymous tips can be texted using MontcoCrimeTips on the STOPit! app. The free STOPit! app can be downloaded from the App Store for iPhones or on Google Play for Androids, then enter the code: MONTCOPA. All text tips are completely confidential.

Approved for release:

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