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AVERY NASCIMENTO OF POTTSTOWN ARRESTED FOR MURDER OF GIRLFRIEND'S FORMER BOYFRIEND



AVERY NASCIMENTO

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Jan. 24, 2022) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Pottstown Police Chief Mick Markovich announce the arrest of Avery Nascimento, 21, of Pottstown, for the murder of 36-year-old Sean Robbins early Sunday morning.

At 2:41 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022, Pottstown Police responded to the 100 block of Sheridan Street in Pottstown for a report of gunshots fired. Arriving officers found 34-year-old Sodonía Medunic outside of her residence suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Inside the residence, officers found Robbins, who was deceased from a gunshot wound to the head. Medunic was transported to Reading Hospital for treatment and is expected to survive.

A joint investigation by the Montgomery County Detective Bureau and Pottstown Police found that Medunic was in a romantic relationship with the defendant, who had been at her residence to “hang out.” An argument had ensued over photos on Medunic’s cellphone. Nascimento struck Medunic, choked her, threatened her with a handgun and told her she was “going to die tonight.” After learning of the assault, Robbins, Medunic’s ex-boyfriend arrived at the residence. The victim and defendant attempted to “talk it out,” but became involved in a physical altercation that ended

with Robbins being shot. As Medunic ran from the residence, she was shot multiple times by the defendant falling on a neighbor's porch, where she "played dead." Nascimento then fled. Detectives also learned that Medunic had a Protection From Abuse Order against Nascimento.

"My heartfelt condolences go out to the family and friends of the victim, who was trying to help his friend," said Steele. "This is yet another Montgomery County homicide related to domestic violence or relationship homicide. Please, if you are living in a violent situation at home or are in a violent relationship, call for help. The Laurel House 24/7 hotline is 800-642-3150 and the Women's Center of Montgomery County hotline is 800-773-2424."

An autopsy on Robbins' body was performed by Dr. Kahlil Wardak of the Montgomery County Coroner's Office, which found that the cause of death was a gunshot wound to the head and the manner of death was homicide.

Nascimento is charged with First-Degree Murder, Attempted Murder, Aggravated Assault, Strangulation, Terroristic Threats, Recklessly Endangering Another Person and related offenses. He was arraigned today before Magisterial District Judge Edward Kropp Sr. There is no bail available for First-Degree Murder, and he was remanded to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 8 a.m., Feb. 2, 2022 before Judge Kropp.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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