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19-YEAR-OLD JOSHUA TRUNK ARRESTED FOR MURDER OF MOTHER AND BOYFRIEND IN AMBLER



NORRISTOWN, Pa.-- Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Ambler Borough Police Chief William F. Foley, Jr., announce the arrest of Joshua Trunk, 19, for two counts of first-degree murder, possessing instruments of crime and violations of the uniform firearms act in the shooting deaths of his mother, Janice Trunk, 54, and Kevin Milton Smith, 44, on July 31, 2016 in Ambler. He was also charged separately with possession with intent to deliver and other drug-related charges.

At 11:15 p.m., Ambler Police responded to a report of shots fired at the Forest Garden Apartments. Upon arrival at the complex, officers searched the various apartments for evidence of a shooting and located the second-floor shooting scene. They entered the apartment where they discovered the bodies of the two victims lying in bed, dead from multiple gunshot wounds to the head and torso.

“When the officers entered the apartment, there were no signs of forced entry, no evidence of the ransacking common to burglaries and no indication of a struggle,” said Steele. “Following a thorough investigation by the Ambler Police and the Montgomery

County Detectives, the evidence pointed to the defendant and a family violence situation.”

The defendant was taken into custody the night of the murders on drug charges and has been in the Montgomery County Correctional Facility since. Trunk was arraigned today from MCCF before Magisterial District Judge Patricia Zaffarano. Bail was denied. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Sept. 15, 2016 at noon before Judge Zaffarano at 1301 S. Bethlehem Pike in Ambler.

First Assistant District Attorney Edward F. McCann and Assistant District Attorney Kelly Lloyd will be prosecuting the case.

Approved for release:
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