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LUIS BONANNO OF HARLEYSVILLE ARRESTED FOR AGGRAVATED ASSAULT, ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF CHILD RELATED TO INJURIES TO INFANT



NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Feb. 16, 2017) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Towamencin Township Police Chief Paul T. (Tim) Dickinson announce the arrest of Luis Bonanno, 34, of Harleysville, for two counts of Aggravated Assault, Endangering the Welfare of Children, and related charges in the injuries sustained by his 24-day-old infant on Sept. 12, 2016.

An investigation by Towamencin Township Police and the Montgomery County Detective Bureau began when the infant's mother took the baby to the hospital for poor oral intake and exhibiting a clicking noise while breathing in. The child was transferred to CHOP, where the baby was found to be suffering from fractures to the right ribs, a fracture to her skull as well as other issues. Additional investigation and interviews revealed that the father, Bonanno, was responsible for the injuries after having pressed on the baby's chest numerous times.

The defendant was arrested and arraigned today before Magisterial District Judge Cathleen Rebar, who set bail at \$100,000. The defendant failed to make bail and was transported to Montgomery County Correctional Facility. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., March 10, 2017 before Magisterial District Judge Edward Levine.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Brittenberg.

Approved for release:

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