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### **ELENA C. HOUSE-HAY ARRESTED FOR THE STABBING DEATH OF HER MOTHER IN PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP**

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (July 21, 2017) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele, along with the Pennsylvania State Police, announce the arrest of Elena C. House-Hay, 21, for the homicide of her mother, Annette E. House, 54, in Perkiomen Township. House-Hay was charged with Murder of the First Degree, Murder of the Third Degree, Voluntary Manslaughter and Possessing Instruments of Crime.

At 3:18 a.m., Friday, July 21, 2017, Limerick Township Police responded to a 911 call by House-Hay regarding a female stabbed at Abbey Lane in Perkiomen Township. Pennsylvania State Troopers were dispatched to the scene and arrived at the Abbey Lane residence to find Ms. House unresponsive on the second-floor bedroom with a wooden-handled kitchen knife in her chest. She was later pronounced dead. Pennsylvania State Police and the Montgomery County Detective Bureau commenced a joint investigation.

Dr. Khalil Wardak of the Montgomery County Coroner's Office performed an autopsy on Ms. House. He opined that she died as a result of multiple stab wounds and ruled the manner of death homicide.

House-Hay was arraigned before Magisterial District Judge Albert J. Augustine and was remanded to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 10 a.m., July 31, 2017 before Judge Augustine.

Approved for release:  
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