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ADDITIONAL CHARGES FILED AGAINST DISBARRED ATTORNEY PATRICK BRADLEY AFTER FIVE MORE VICTIMS LOCATED



NORRISTOWN, Pa. (July 28, 2017) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele announced additional charges have been filed against disbarred attorney Patrick J. Bradley, 45, of Collegeville after five more victims were located. Charged today are felony Dealing in the Proceeds of Unlawful Activities, Theft by Unlawful Taking, Theft by Deception, Receiving Stolen Property, Deceptive Business Practices, Unauthorized Practice of Law and related charges.

Bradley was originally arrested on April 10, 2017 on multiple felony and misdemeanor charges related to the theft and misappropriation of \$146,917.01 in client funds. Publicity surrounding the announcement of Bradley's arrest led to the discovery of an additional five victims, with losses totaling \$13,954.19. Additionally, another complaint was received from The Office of Disciplinary Counsel of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

The new victims suffered losses related to legal work that was not performed or not fully performed as well as the misappropriation of funds overseen by Bradley. Bradley was authorized to use the money to pay the living expenses of a woman in a facility in Berks County. Instead, he used the stolen funds to pay for items such as his utility bills, restaurant and fast food meals, gas, cellular phone service, retail purchases and many other personal items.

“These victims believed they were paying for legal work by a reputable attorney who was in good standing and licensed,” said Steele. “Instead, the defendant took money for work he was not authorized to perform, never fully performed or that he stole from funds he was to safeguard for the benefit of an individual. He took advantage of good people for his own gain.”

The victims were given information regarding the Pennsylvania Lawyers Fund for Client Security (palawfund.com), whose mission is to reimburse victims of attorney dishonesty in the practice of law. A portion of the dues that every attorney pays to be licensed to practice law goes to the fund.

While the criminal investigation has located 17 victims so far, there may be others. Anyone with information concerning questionable legal interactions or use of their funds by Bradley is asked to call the Montgomery County Detective Bureau at 610-278-3368.

Bradley was arraigned before Magisterial District Judge Cathleen Rebar, who set bail at \$50,000 unsecured, and Bradley was released. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 10 a.m., Aug. 22, 2017, in front of Judge Rebar.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kelli McGinnis.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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