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PATRICK YAHNER OF COLLEGEVILLE CHARGED WITH DRUG DELIVERY RESULTING IN DEATH IN APRIL 9 FATAL OVERDOSE

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Oct. 16, 2017) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Pennsylvania State Police Troop K—Skippack, Criminal Investigation Unit announce the arrest of Patrick R. Yahner, 19, of Collegeville, on the criminal homicide charge of Drug Delivery Resulting in Death related to the overdose death of Justin C. Service, 20, of Perkiomen Township.

On April 9, 2017, Pennsylvania State Police responded at 11:10 a.m. to an overdose on Tudor Road in Perkiomen Township. They arrived to find a deceased male identified as Mr. Service in the basement of the residence. A joint investigation by the Pennsylvania State Police and the Montgomery County Detective Bureau revealed that several hours before he was found dead, Mr. Service had purchased a bag of fentanyl from the defendant in Trappe.

An autopsy by Dr. Ian Hood of the Montgomery County Coroner's Office, determined that the cause of Mr. Service's death was fentanyl toxicity.

"Justin Service died by someone poisoning him with the very deadly drug fentanyl, and that someone was a drug dealer. Anyone dealing drugs in Montgomery County needs to hear this message: if you deal drugs like fentanyl, heroin or pills and we can prove that the drugs you sold caused someone's death, you will be charged with homicide. We will be coming for you and charging you with Drug Delivery Resulting in Death," said Steele. "This is our seventh arrest for this charge in 2017. We are committed to stopping the flow of this deadly drug into our communities in Montgomery County."

Yahner was charged with Drug Delivery Resulting in Death, Delivery of a Controlled Substance, Recklessly Endangering Another Person and other related charges. He was arraigned today before Magisterial District Judge Albert J. Augustine, who denied bail, and the defendant was remanded to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility. A preliminary hearing was set for 2:30 p.m., Oct. 31, 2017, before Judge Augustine.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Tonya Lupinacci.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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