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RECORD AMOUNT, NEARLY FOUR TONS, OF UNWANTED MEDICATIONS COLLECTED DURING MONTGOMERY COUNTY'S TAKE BACK DAY



NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Oct. 31, 2017)—Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and the Police Chiefs Association of Montgomery County announced that a record 7,789.42 pounds of unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications were collected during the annual Take Back Day held Oct. 28.

“This fall Take Back Day was an overwhelming success,” said Steele. “Nearly 8,000 pounds is a lot of medicines, showing that residents are understanding the need to get these drugs out of their homes and disposed of properly. We thank our residents for doing their part.”

The nearly four tons of unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medicines were collected at 41 participating locations staffed by police departments on Take Back Day as well as by police

emptying their MedReturn Boxes, which are permanently available across the county. Since the prescription medication disposal program began in 2010, more than 42,000 pounds of unwanted, unneeded and expired prescription and over-the-counter medications have been collected and safely destroyed.

Residents who need to dispose of medications before the next Take Back Day scheduled for April 2018 can do so at the 51 permanent Prescription Drug Disposal Boxes—many sponsored by Pennsylvania American Water in an effort to help keep our water supply safe. The complete list of locations can be found on the District Attorney's Office website at <https://www.montcopa.org/da>.

Approved for release:

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