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MIGUEL MINO-ROJAS OF NORRISTOWN ARRESTED FOR THE MURDERS OF ISAIAS MARTINEZ AND GUILLERMO RIVERA-RUBIO ON FEB. 26



NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Feb. 28, 2018) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Norristown Police Chief Mark E. Talbot Sr. announce the arrest of Miguel Mino-Rojas, 20, of Norristown, for two counts of First-Degree Murder, Person Not to Possess a Firearm and related charges stemming from the shooting deaths of Isaias Martinez, 53, and Guillermo Rivera-Rubio, 44, in the 700 block of Chain Street in Norristown on Feb. 26, 2018.

At 12:12 a.m., on Monday, Feb. 26, 2018, Norristown Police responded to the 700 block of Chain Street for a reported shooting and arrived on scene to find two men who had sustained apparent gunshot wounds inside a blue Dodge Neon. Martinez, the driver, was pronounced dead at the scene. Rivera-Rubio was transported to Einstein Hospital and later pronounced dead.

The Montgomery County Coroner's Office completed an autopsy on the bodies of Martinez and Rivera-Rubio and opined that each victim sustained a gunshot wound to the head. The manner of death for both men was ruled a homicide.

The Montgomery County Detective Bureau and the Norristown Police Department commenced a joint investigation into the double homicide. The investigation revealed that the murders occurred during a cocaine transaction, and that the two victims were killed by a Pietta revolver 45-caliber Colt, recovered from Mino-Rojas.

The defendant was arraigned before Magisterial District Judge Gregory Scott. Bail was denied. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 11 a.m., March 14, 2018 before Judge Scott.

The case will be prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney and Chief of the Trials Division Thomas W. McGoldrick and Assistant District Attorney Timothy Collier.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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