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LEAH CIELO ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE BY VEHICLE IN JAN. 31 FATAL CRASH IN CONSHOHOCKEN



NORRISTOWN, Pa. (March 6, 2018) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Conshohocken Borough Police Chief Michael Orlor announced the arrest of Leah Cielo, 31, of Conshohocken, on charges of Homicide by Vehicle and other charges related to the Jan. 31, 2018 crash at Fayette and 4th Avenue in Conshohocken that killed 80-year-old Bruce Collins.

A joint investigation of the crash by Conshohocken Police and Montgomery County Detectives determined that Cielo was proceeding in the northbound

lane of Fayette Street driving a Toyota Camry. Mr. Collins and his friend, Robert Lindsey, were crossing Fayette Street in the marked crosswalk when the victim was struck by a Toyota Camry driven by Cielo at approximately 6:52 a.m. Mr. Collins was transported by ambulance to Lankenau Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead at 11:40 a.m. after having sustained a blunt impact injury to the head. Mr. Lindsey was several feet behind the victim in the crosswalk and was not harmed.

The investigation revealed that the defendant was operating her vehicle with an obstructed windshield at a speed of 32 mph in a 25 mph zone when she failed to stop at the marked crosswalk and struck the victim.

Cielo was arraigned today before Magisterial District Judge Deborah A. Lukens, who set bail at \$75,000 unsecured. Cielo was released on her own recognizance. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 1 p.m., March 20, 2018 before Judge Lukens.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Richard Bradbury, Captain of the Community Prosecution Unit.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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