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PRESTON LONNBERG-LANE ARRESTED FOR FIRST-DEGREE MURDER OF HIS FATHER IN LANSDALE



NORRISTOWN, Pa. (April 5, 2018) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Lansdale Police Chief Michael Trail announce the arrest of Preston Lonnborg-Lane, 30, of Lansdale, for First-Degree Murder and related charges in the stabbing death of his father, Thomas Lane, 74, on March 27, 2018 at their home.

At 4:44 a.m., on March 27, a 911 call was placed by Lonnborg-Lane saying they needed help at his home in the 1100 block of Delaware Avenue in Lansdale. Lansdale Police responded to the home to find Thomas Lane semi-conscious in the bedroom with a traumatic eye avulsion and apparent stab wounds to his head, neck and arm. Lane was flown to Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and admitted in critical condition. Lane died on March 29, 2018. A joint homicide

investigation by Montgomery County Detectives and Lansdale Police found that Lonnborg-Lane had attacked his father with a butter knife.

On March 30, 2018, the Montgomery County Coroner's Office performed an autopsy on the body of Lane. Forensic Pathologist Dr. Lindsay Simon opined that the cause of death was hyperextensive brain hemorrhage and the manner of death was homicide. Additional pertinent findings were evidence of strangulation and wounds to the head, neck and face.

"This father was asleep in his bedroom and was savagely attacked by his son," said Steele. "Now the man is dead and a son is behind bars."

Lonnborg-Lane is charged with First-Degree Murder, Third-Degree Murder and Possessing an Instrument of Crime. He was arraigned before Magisterial District Judge Edward Levine. Bail is not available for First-Degree Murder charges, and the defendant was remanded to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 11 a.m., April 9, 2018 in front of Judge Levine.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Brianna Ringwood.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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