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### **ALEXA LAFFKAS OF UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP ARRESTED FOR THE MAY 27 FATAL HIT AND RUN IN NORRISTOWN**



NORRISTOWN, Pa. (June 19, 2018)— Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Norristown Municipal Police Chief Mark E. Talbot announce the arrest of Alexa Laffkas, 21, of Uwchlan Township, for Leaving the Scene of an Accident Involving Death or Injury and related charges in connection with the May 27, 2018, crash that killed 64-year-old Clinton Rucker.

On May 27, 2018 at 4:03 a.m., Norristown Police responded to a hit-and-run crash involving a pedestrian at Main and Markley Streets. They arrived to find the victim lying on Markley Street just south of Main Street. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

A joint investigation by the Montgomery County Detective Bureau and the Norristown Police Department determined that Mr. Rucker was crossing Markley Street on foot, at

the intersection with Main Street. He was midway crossing the street against the light when a Jeep driven by Laffkas entered the intersection and hit Mr. Rucker. The defendant did not stop to render aid or call police and continued driving to a friend's apartment in Bridgeport. The investigation revealed that the Laffkas car entered the intersection when the traffic signal turned yellow. It also revealed that her car was travelling at 40 mph in a 25 mph zone.

"The law requires that a driver stop for any car crash. Leaving the scene of an accident when someone has been struck and dies is a second-degree felony and carries significant state prison time," said DA Steele. "If this defendant had stopped, attempted to help the victim and called police, she likely would not be facing this severe of a charge or state prison time. Drivers need to do the right and responsible thing."

Laffkas was arraigned today before Magisterial District Judge Margaret A. Hunsicker, who declined to set bail and released the defendant on her own recognizance. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 11 a.m., June 28, 2018, in front of Magisterial District Judge Gregory Scott.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Roderick Fancher.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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