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### **KEENAN JONES ARRESTED ON ATTEMPTED MURDER, MULTIPLE FELONY CHARGES IN SHOOTING AT WALMART IN CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP**



NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Aug. 15, 2018) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Cheltenham Township Police Chief John Frye announce the arrest of Keenan Jones, 30, of Philadelphia, on multiple felony counts related to a shooting spree in the Walmart store at 1000 S. Easton Road in the Wyncote section of Cheltenham Township. Jones is charged with Attempted Murder, multiple counts of Aggravated Assault, multiple counts of Recklessly Endangering Other Persons, Resisting Arrest, Person Not to Possess a Firearm, and Possessing an Instrument of Crime.

At 6:06 p.m., on Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2018, Cheltenham Township Police responded to 911 calls reporting multiple people having been shot inside the store. Police arrived to find five victims suffering from gunshot wounds. The defendant and his sister had fled the Walmart driving a Gold Pontiac Grand Prix in an eastbound direction on Cheltenham Avenue. Jones was observed exiting his vehicle at one point to discard a 9 mm semi-automatic handgun, which was later recovered by police. He returned to his vehicle and drove into the city of Philadelphia, where, in

the 1300 block of East Sedgwick Avenue, he struck the back of an unoccupied police vehicle. The defendant took off on foot and was chased down by uniformed police officers. A violent struggle ensued, injuring both officers, before Jones was restrained.

The Cheltenham Township Police Department and Montgomery County Detective Bureau launched a joint investigation in the shooting. Video surveillance from the store as well as interviews with numerous witnesses revealed that the defendant and his sister were standing in a check-out line when he took her gun, walked toward the back of the line and fired a single round at a male at close range, striking him. The defendant then ran through the front of the store, firing multiple rounds and striking four additional people, including a Walmart employee, who he pointed the gun directly toward and struck her three times. All five victims sustained not life-threatening injuries. Additionally, a pregnant woman was knocked to the ground during the pandemonium and required medical treatment. The investigation is ongoing.

“Thanks to the response of the Cheltenham Police Department and the cooperation of dozens of law enforcement agencies and civilians, both inside and outside of the store, we were able to come together to bring someone to justice for a shooting in a very busy store,” said Steele. “It’s this kind of cooperation that is crucial to keeping our communities safe.”

Jones was arraigned before Magisterial District Judge Christopher J. Cerski, who set bail at \$1 million cash. The defendant was unable to post bail and was remanded to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 9 a.m., Aug. 22, 2018, in front of Judge Cerski.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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