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PHILADELPHIA MAN SHOT AND KILLED IN CHELTENHAM FOLLOWING TRAFFIC DISPUTE; *Detectives Seeking Information From Public*

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Oct. 16, 2018) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Cheltenham Township Police Chief John Frye announce the joint investigation into a homicide that occurred at the intersection of Dewey Road and Front Street in the Melrose Park section of Cheltenham Township at approximately 9:30 p.m., on Monday, Oct. 15, 2018.

The Cheltenham Township Police responded to a 911 call of gunshots in the area of Dewey Road and Front Street at approximately 9:30 p.m. last night. Upon arrival, officers located a male suffering from multiple gun shots on the roadway. The male was identified as Rithina Torn, 29, of Philadelphia. Torn was transported by ambulance to Einstein Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. An autopsy is scheduled for today at the Philadelphia Medical Examiner's Office.

The Montgomery County Detective Bureau and the Cheltenham Township Police Department are investigating the homicide. The initial investigation revealed that the shooting occurred during a traffic dispute when Torn approached a dark-colored vehicle that was stopped at the intersection. The operator of that vehicle fired multiple shots striking Torn. Detectives are conducting witness interviews and gathering area surveillance video.

Anyone with information concerning this homicide is asked to call the Cheltenham Township Police Department at 215-885-1600 or the Montgomery County Detective Bureau at 610-278-3368. Or anonymous tips can be texted using MontcoCrimeTips on the STOPit! app. The free STOPit! app can be downloaded from the App Store for iPhones or on Google Play for Androids, then enter the code: MONTCOPA. All text tips are completely confidential.

Approved for release:

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