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STEPHEN MOORE BEING SOUGHT FOR FIRST-DEGREE MURDER IN EASTER HOMICIDE OF JOSHUA SMITH OF POTTSTOWN; Public's help is needed



STEPHEN MOORE

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (April 24, 2019) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Pottstown Borough Police Chief Michael J. Markovich announce the charging of Stephen Moore, 31, of Pottstown, with First-Degree Murder for the April 21 shooting death of Joshua Smith at 625 Industrial Highway in Pottstown. An arrest warrant has been issued for Moore.

“We are asking for the public’s help in finding Moore,” said Steele. “While his last known address is in Pottstown, he has ties to both Camden, N.J. and to the Reading area. Anyone who sees him, should not approach him, and should immediately call 911.”

Moore is African-American, with black hair and brown eyes. He is 5-feet, 7-inches tall and weighs approximately 150 pounds. Anyone with information about his location is asked to contact the Pottstown Police at 610-970-6570 or the Montgomery County Detectives at 610-278-3368. Anonymous text tips can be submitted using MontcoCrimeTips on the STOPit! app. The STOPit! app can be downloaded for free from the App Store for iPhones or Google Play for Androids, then use code MONTCOPA to get the Montgomery County version of the app.

Moore is wanted in connection to the Easter homicide that occurred a little after noon on April 21, 2019. Pottstown Police responded to a reported shooting at 625 Industrial Highway, where they found the victim who had been shot multiple times. At the same time, a Pottstown police officer observed a silver Jeep traveling at a high rate of speed down Industrial Highway and began to follow the Jeep, then saw the Jeep crash at the intersection of High and Wilson streets. As police approached the crash scene, the male driver exited the Jeep and fled the scene on foot.

A joint investigation by the Montgomery County Detective Bureau and Pottstown Police learned that Moore and Smith left Smith's residence together earlier in the day in a silver Jeep, driven by Moore and owned by Moore's wife. Following the crash, detectives recovered a Ruger .38 caliber pistol, a Taurus 9 mm pistol and two cellphones from the Jeep. Ballistics tests determined that a bullet recovered from the deceased's body was fired from the Ruger .38 caliber firearm found in the Jeep.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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