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### **COURTNEY CLINTON ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE BY VEHICLE IN AUGUST 4th FATAL CRASH ON THE DANNEHOWER BRIDGE**



**COURTNEY CLINTON**

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Aug. 16, 2019)—Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and West Norriton Township Police Chief Dale Mabry announce the arrest of Courtney R. Clinton, 27, of Norristown, on charges of Homicide by Vehicle DUI, DUI, Reckless Driving and other charges related to the Aug. 4, 2019, crash on the Dannehower Bridge in West Norriton that killed 41-year-old Lakiesha Richet of Norristown.

At 4:46 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 4, West Norriton Township Police and Norristown Police responded to a call of a vehicle-motorcycle crash on the Dannehower Bridge. Police and emergency medical personnel arrived to find the motorcycle operator trapped underneath a 2015 Chevrolet Equinox. The victim was deceased.

A joint investigation of the crash by West Norriton Township Police and the Montgomery County Detective Bureau determined that the 2005 Kawasaki motorcycle operated by Richet was driving north in the curb lane of Route 202 when the vehicle driven by the defendant struck the back tire of the motorcycle, ejecting the victim who

was thrown approximately 74 feet. After hitting the motorcycle, the defendant continued driving and passed over the victim, trapping her under the engine of the vehicle. The vehicle continued for 204 feet before coming to a stop with the victim still trapped beneath the Equinox.

Toxicology results on the defendant's blood revealed a BAC of .138 percent. Additionally, the investigation revealed that Clinton was operating her vehicle at high speed, with the data from the car revealing that just prior to impact, Clinton was driving her vehicle at 74 mph. The speed limit is 45 mph.

Crash investigators determined that the cause of the crash was directly related to the combination of Clinton's level of impairment as well as the speed at which she was operating her vehicle.

Clinton was arraigned today before Magisterial District Judge Katharine E. McGill, who set bail at \$50,000 unsecured. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 11 a.m., Sept. 6, 2019 before Magisterial District Judge Marc A. Alfarano.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Scott Frank Frame.

Approved for release:

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