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JUAN TOX CAAL ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE OF ROLANDO POPSACUL IN NORRISTOWN



JUAN TOX CAAL

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Sept. 23, 2019) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Norristown Police Chief Mark E. Talbot announce the arrest of Juan Tox Caal, 19, on First-Degree Murder and related charges in the homicide of his brother-in-law Rolando Popsacul, 22, both of Norristown.

At 2:07 a.m., on Sunday, Sept. 22, Norristown Police responded to a reported stabbing in the area of Haws Avenue and West Airy Street. Upon arrival, they found two men suffering from stab wounds: the victim, who was pronounced dead at the scene, and 27-year-old Carlos Cocul, who was transported by helicopter to Penn Presbyterian, where he is listed in critical condition. A box cutter was found on the adjacent sidewalk.

Montgomery County Detectives and Norristown Police launched a joint investigation, which found that the men had been together at a birthday party earlier in the evening. One witness said he observed an argument between Popsacul and Caal,

regarding Caal wanting to divorce his wife, who was Popsacal's sister. The investigation found the two men were stabbed while walking home from the party.

An autopsy was conducted Sunday on the body of Popsacul by Dr. Gregory McDonald, a Forensic Pathologist with the Montgomery County Coroner's Office. He opined the cause of death was a stab wound through the chest and the manner of death was ruled homicide.

Caal was charged with First-Degree Murder, Third-Degree Murder, Attempted Murder, Aggravated Assault and Possessing an Instrument of Crime. He was arraigned by Magisterial District Judge James Gallagher Sunday night. Bail is not available for First-Degree Murder, and Caal was remanded to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 10 a.m., Oct. 2, 2019, before Magisterial District Judge Francis Lawrence.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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