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### **BRANDON THOMPSON ARRESTED FOR APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup> MURDER OF ALONZO ANTHONY IN NORRISTOWN**



**BRANDON THOMPSON**

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Sept. 30, 2019) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Norristown Police Chief Mark E. Talbot announce the arrest of Brandon M. Thompson, 32, of Norristown and Harleysville, for Second-Degree Murder, Third-Degree Murder, Burglary, and related charges in the home invasion homicide of Alonzo J. Anthony on April 2, 2019, in Norristown.

Norristown Police were dispatched at 10:53 p.m., April 2, 2019, to 307 Fornance Street for a reported shooting. Arriving officers located Anthony in the hallway of his residence, deceased from apparent gunshot wounds. A joint investigation by the Montgomery County Detective Bureau and the Norristown Police found that two masked men entered the apartment, fired shots that struck and killed Anthony, and fled from the residence with cash, marijuana and a cellphone.

An autopsy of the victim was performed April 3, 2019, at the Montgomery County Coroner's Office. During the autopsy, a bullet was recovered from Anthony's head. Dr.

Erica Williams opined that Anthony died as a result of multiple gunshot wounds, and the manner of death was homicide.

Thompson was arrested on Sept. 28, 2019, and charged with Second-Degree Murder, Third-Degree Murder, Burglary, Robbery, Person Not to Possess a Firearm and multiple other charges. He was arraigned before Magisterial District Judge Juanita Price on Saturday. No bail is available for Second-Degree Murder, and Thompson was remanded to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 10 a.m., Oct. 11, 2019, before Magisterial District Judge Margaret Hunsicker.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Roderick M. Fancher III and Furrah Qureshi.

Anyone with information concerning this homicide or the second suspect is asked to call the Norristown Police Department at 610-270-0977 or the Montgomery County Detective Bureau 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.

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