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### **WILLIAM TORRES ARRESTED FOR MURDER OF JEANNE EDWARDS IN LOWER MORELAND YESTERDAY**



**WILLIAM TORRES**

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Nov. 26, 2019) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele, Lower Moreland Township Police Chief David J. Scirrotto and Limerick Township Police Chief R. Brian Skelton announce the arrest of William Tomas Torres, 61, of Elkton, Md., for First-Degree Murder in the homicide of Jeanne Edwards, 57, on Nov. 25, 2019, at her home in Huntingdon Valley.

Lower Moreland Township Police were dispatched at 5:24 p.m., to 2397 Dale Road for a reported shooting. Arriving officers located the victim suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. She was transported to Abington Memorial Hospital where she was pronounced dead.

A joint investigation was begun by Lower Moreland Police and the Montgomery County Detective Bureau. The investigation found that the victim's son arrived home

from work and heard a “pop” as he pulled into the driveway. Upon entering the house, the son saw the defendant, who he knew as his mother’s ex-boyfriend, standing in the doorway holding a shotgun pointed at him. The defendant fled the house, and the son called 911. Limerick Township Police arrested the defendant a short time later at a private residence in their jurisdiction.

An autopsy of the victim was performed today by Dr. Khalil Wardak, a forensic pathologist with the Montgomery County Coroner’s Office. During the autopsy, shotgun pellets were recovered from Edwards’ body. Dr. Wardak opined that Edwards died as a result of multiple shotgun wounds to the torso, and the manner of death was homicide.

Torres was charged with First-Degree Murder, Third-Degree Murder, Simple Assault, Recklessly Endangering Another Person and Possession of an Instrument of Crime. He was arraigned before Magisterial District Judge Jay S. Friedenbergh today. No bail is available for First-Degree Murder, and Torres was remanded to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., Dec. 10, 2019, before Judge Friedenbergh.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Brianna Ringwood, the Deputy Chief of Trials overseeing the Family Protection Unit.

Approved for release:

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