



OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

KEVIN R. STEELE

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

EDWARD F. McCANN, JR.

FIRST ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

COURTHOUSE

P.O. BOX 311

NORRISTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

19404-0311

SAMUEL J. GALLEN

CHIEF COUNTY DETECTIVE

JESSE S. KING

CHIEF OF STAFF

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S FAX

COUNTY DETECTIVE BUREAU

(610) 278-3090

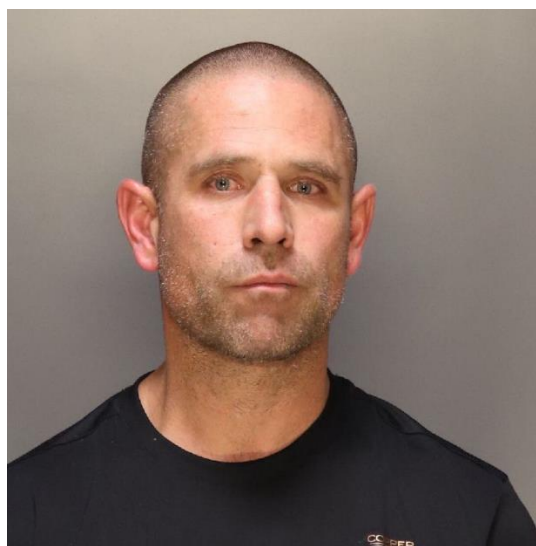
(610) 278-3095

(610) 278-3368

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Kate Delano 610-278-3148

KEVIN COURTS OF HATBORO ARRESTED FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION INTO GAME LAW VIOLATIONS



Kevin Courts

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Dec. 9, 2019) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele, Upper Moreland Township Police Chief S. Michael Murphy, Hatboro Borough Police Chief James E. Gardner and Pennsylvania Game Commission Executive Director Bryan J. Burhans announce the arrest of Kevin Lee Courts, 42, of Hatboro, for multiple counts of Possession of Controlled Substances with Intent to Deliver, Possession of Controlled Substances and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Nov. 11, 2019 Upper Moreland Police responded to a wooded area in the 2500 block of Horsham Road in Upper Moreland Township to investigate a report of an individual hunting near an apartment complex. Responding police

officers found three white-tailed antlered deer that had been recently shot and killed with archery equipment, in violation of state Game Laws. The Pennsylvania Game Commission was contacted and launched an investigation into the potential Game Law violations.

The game violation investigation led Pennsylvania State Game Wardens to execute a search warrant on Nov. 16, 2019, at the defendant's home in the 300 block of Windsor Avenue in Hatboro. While executing the warrants, the Game Wardens observed suspected drugs and drug paraphernalia in plain view in the home. Since that was beyond the scope of the original search warrant, a second search warrant was obtained by Hatboro Police for controlled substances and related paraphernalia.

Police seized approximately 48.6 grams of suspected methamphetamine, 254 oxycodone pills, 25 suboxone films, 6 clonazepam pills, 9 diazepam pills, 7 grams of psilocybin mushrooms, 23 baggies of varying weights of marijuana, oxytocin and various illegal anabolic steroids. In addition to the drugs, police also seized more than \$6,000 in cash and 11 firearms, including a handgun and assault-style rifle.

The defendant was arrested on Nov. 27, 2019 and charged with four counts of Possession of Controlled Substances with Intent to Deliver, seven counts of Possession of Controlled Substances and four counts of Possessing Drug Paraphernalia. He was arraigned before Magisterial District Judge Paul N. Leo of Hatboro, who set bail at \$75,000. A preliminary hearing was set for 10:15 a.m., Dec. 18, 2019, before Judge Leo. The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Doug Lavenberg.

The Pennsylvania Game Commission's investigation into potential game law violations continues.

Approved for release:

Edward F. McCann, Jr.
First Assistant District Attorney

CRIMINAL CHARGES, AND ANY DISCUSSION THEREOF, ARE MERELY ALLEGATIONS AND ALL DEFENDANTS ARE PRESUMED INNOCENT UNTIL AND UNLESS PROVEN GUILTY.