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DA ANNOUNCES IDENTITIES OF TWO VICTIMS AND SHOOTER IN DOMESTIC DOUBLE HOMICIDE-SUICIDE IN NEW HANOVER TOWNSHIP

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Sept. 15, 2020) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and New Hanover Township Police Chief Kevin McKeon announce that an adult son and his wife were murdered by his father, who then killed himself. The two victims were Stephen J. Mihalcik, 56, who died at Reading Hospital, and Rebecca Hall Evans, 51, who was found dead at the scene. Gerald E. Mihalcik, 78, was found at the scene, dead of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

New Hanover Police arrived at the home in the 2900 block of Reifsnyder Road in Gilbertsville at 8:07 p.m., Monday, Sept. 14, 2020 in response to a reported shooting. Upon arrival, police located a deceased female, Rebecca Evans, and a deceased male, Gerald Mihalcik. Stephen Mihalcik was found alive and transported to Reading Hospital, but died during treatment. All three adults, plus two children lived at the house.

Autopsies on two of the bodies were conducted today by the Montgomery County Coroner's Office, which determined that Ms. Evans died of gunshot wound to the head and the manner of death was homicide, and Gerald Mihalcik's cause of death was determined to be a gunshot wound to the head and the manner of death was suicide. An autopsy on Stephen Mihalcik was conducted by the Berks County Coroner's Office, which found that the cause of death was multiple gunshot wounds to the head and the manner of death was homicide.

"This is a such a tragedy and my heart goes out to the surviving family members," said DA Steele. "We are seeing more domestic violence homicides in Montgomery County this year than ever before. If you are living in a violent situation at home, please call for help. Police are ready to respond through 911. And agencies can also help: the Laurel House hotline is 800-642-3150 or the Women's Center of Montgomery County hotline is 800-773-2424 both of

which can help with Protection from Abuse Orders, safe shelter and other resources.”

Approved for release:

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