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### **DA ANNOUNCES OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING INVESTIGATION IN PENNSBURG**

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Feb. 10, 2021) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele announces an investigation into an officer-involved shooting that occurred in the vicinity of 8th Street and Long Alley in Pennsburg on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021.

At 7:41 p.m., the 911 operator dispatched Upper Perk Police for a call about a family member armed with a sword threatening to harm others. Officers responded and encountered the adult male in Long Alley, wielding a samurai-type sword. According to the initial investigation, an Upper Perk police officer arrived with his vehicle lights/siren activated, and he was charged by the man. Neighbors reported hearing three shots, and the man was struck. Police officers immediately rendered first aid, but the man was pronounced dead at the scene by EMS. A sword was recovered by the body. The deceased is identified as Trey Bartholomew, 27, of Valley Court in Pennsburg.

Per protocol for officer-involved shootings in the county, Montgomery County Detectives responded to the scene to investigate the shooting. The names of the police officers involved are not being released at this time.

This is an active investigation. Anyone with any information is asked to contact Montgomery County Detectives at 610-278-3368.

Approved for release:

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