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DA STEELE AND CHIEF MARKOVICH ANNOUNCE MURDER-SUICIDE IN POTTSTOWN

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Oct. 18, 2021) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Pottstown Police Chief Mick Markovich announce that Carla Forde, 46, was shot and killed by her husband, Edward Thornton, 42, who then committed suicide at their residence on Chestnut Street in Pottstown.

Pottstown Police responded to the residence after a neighbor called 911 to report the shooting. A joint investigation by the Montgomery County Detective Bureau and Pottstown Police found that there was a history of domestic violence by Thornton. Detectives recovered home video surveillance, which showed the couple was arguing in the kitchen when Thornton began brutally beating the victim, who becomes unconscious. He retrieves a gun from upstairs, returns and shoots her. He then shoots himself.

Autopsies on the bodies will be conducted today by the Montgomery County Coroner's Office.

“My heartfelt condolences go out to the family and friends of the victim,” said Steele. “This is yet another domestic violence or relationship homicide in Montgomery County. If you are living in a violent situation at home, please call for help: Laurel House hotline is 800-642-3150 or the Women’s Center of Montgomery County hotline is 800-773-2424.”

Approved for release:
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