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### **DA ANNOUNCES INVESTIGATION INTO HOMICIDE IN POTTSTOWN; Victim identified as 18-year-old Chediaz Thomas**

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Oct. 21, 2021) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Pottstown Police Chief Mick Markovich announce a joint investigation into the homicide that occurred at an apartment in the 600 block of Chestnut Street in Pottstown. The victim was identified as 18-year-old Chediaz Thomas, who had been living in the apartment for the last three months.

On Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021, at approximately 2:29 p.m., the Pottstown Police were dispatched to 618 Chestnut Street, Apt. 3. They were met by the 911 caller, who had been asked by the landlord to check on the resident. Thomas was found shot dead in his bedroom. A joint investigation into this homicide was launched by Pottstown Police and the Montgomery County Detective Bureau.

An autopsy was performed by Dr. Julia De La Garza of the Montgomery County Coroner's Office, who determined that the cause of death was a perforating gunshot wound to the head and the manner of death was homicide.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Pottstown Police at 610-970-6570 or call the Montgomery County Detectives' Tip Line at 610-278-DOIT (3638). Anonymous text tips can be submitted using MontcoCrimeTips on the STOPit! app. The STOPit! app can be downloaded for free from the App Store for iPhones or Google Play for Androids, then use code MONTCOPA to get the Montgomery County version of the app.

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