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### **SAMIYAH WILLIAMS ARRESTED FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE MURDER IN BALA CYNWYD**



**SAMIYAH WILLIAMS**

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Jan. 3, 2022) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Lower Merion Township Police Superintendent Michael J. McGrath announce the arrest of Samiyah Williams, 24, of Locust Street in Philadelphia, for the murder of Adrionne Reaves on Dec. 31, 2021 in the Bala Cynwyd section of Lower Merion. Williams turned herself in to Lower Merion Police this morning.

The murder of Reaves, who was the fiancé of the defendant's mother, took place on New Year's Eve in the lobby of the Delwyn Apartments in Bala Cynwyd. At 9:55 p.m., Lower Merion Police responded to the apartment complex and found Reaves dead from a gunshot wound to the head. A joint investigation into the homicide by Montgomery County Detectives and Lower Merion Police found that Reaves was walking through the lobby of the apartment building with his fiancé Joi Furman, her mother and two other women when he was shot by the defendant. The investigation found that Williams and her grandmother had been called to the apartment building by Furman, who had told them about a fight with Reaves where he "laid hands on her."

Williams was arraigned on charges of First-Degree Murder, Third-Degree Murder and Possessing an Instrument of Crime before Magisterial District Judge Karen Eisner Zucker. There is no bail available for First-Degree Murder charges, and Williams was

remanded to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., Jan. 21, 2022, before Judge Zucker.

Approved for release:  
Kevin R. Steele

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