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KESHAUN SHEFFIELD ARRESTED FOR AUGUST 2019 MURDER OF ROMANTIC PARTNER RASHID YOUNG



KESHAUN SHEFFIELD

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (June 1, 2022) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Pottstown Police Chief Mick Markovich announce the arrest of Keshawn Sheffield, 20, of the 6700 hundred block of Musgrave Street in Philadelphia, for the Aug. 19, 2019 murder of 22-year-old Rashid Young in Young's High Street apartment in Pottstown. Remains of Young's body were found on Sept. 30, 2019 at Awbury Arboretum in Philadelphia and remained unidentified until recent information uncovered by Montgomery County Detectives led to the identification on Friday using dental records.

The investigation by Montgomery County Detectives into the murder began two weeks ago when a private investigator hired by the victim's family requested that the MCDB look into the disappearance of Young, who was reported missing in December 2019 to Pottstown Police. The investigation found through the use of a confidential informant, cellphone records and other investigative means that the victim and defendant had been in a romantic relationship for approximately two years when Young went missing on Aug. 19, 2019.

The homicide investigation found that Sheffield stabbed Young to death in his apartment on Aug. 19, 2019. At the time, Pottstown Police were called to the apartment for a report of water coming from the apartment. After forcing entry, police found that the apartment appeared to have been intentionally flooded. The apartment had holes in walls, broken doors and trash strewn throughout. The recent investigation by detectives found that Sheffield transported the body in a Pottstown Borough Recycling Container to a house in Philadelphia, where he lived with his mother, then Sheffield, with assistance from a friend, dug a hole at Awbury Arboretum. Sheffield then returned later and buried the body. The decomposing remains were found on Sept. 30, 2019 by an arboretum landscaper, who called Philadelphia Police.

Further, the investigation found that Sheffield was accessing the victim's social media accounts and using his cellphone to communicate with Young's family and keep up the appearance that Young was still alive from August to December 2019. Sheffield also made numerous withdrawals from the victim's \$2 million trust fund prior to when Young was declared missing, and the account was frozen.

"Since August 2019, a family has been searching for information about their missing son. Today, we shared with them the tragic details of his death and will be able to return his remains to them for a proper burial," said DA Steele. "This is yet another case of relationship violence that turned into a murder. People need to know that there is help available to them if they are in a violent relationship through Laurel House and the Women's Center of Montgomery County."

Sheffield was arrested today and charged with First-Degree Murder, Third-Degree Murder, Theft by Unlawful Taking/Disposition, Receiving Stolen Property, Possessing an Instrument of Crime and Access Device Fraud. Sheffield is awaiting arraignment, at which time a preliminary hearing will be set. There is no bail available for First-Degree Murder charges.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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