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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ARREST WARRANT ISSUED FOR DEONTE KELLY OF PHILADELPHIA FOR THE FIRST-DEGREE MURDERS IN POTTSTOWN; \$5,000 Reward Offered for Information



DEONTE KELLY

WANTED
\$5,000 REWARD



DEONTE "TAZ" KELLY
23 years old
6-feet, 0-inches
180 pounds

THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE is offering a \$5,000 REWARD for information leading to the apprehension of DEONTE "TAZ" KELLY who is charged with two counts of **FIRST-DEGREE MURDER** for the double homicide in Pottstown at approx. 11:30 p.m. on Oct. 17, 2022.

IF YOU HAVE INFO, CONTACT:
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610-226-5553
Pottstown Police Department
610-970-6570

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Oct. 22, 2022) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Pottstown Police Chief Mick Markovich announce an arrest warrant for First-Degree Murder and Robbery has been issued for a second defendant—Deonte Kelly, 23, of the 200 block of East Penn Street in Philadelphia—stemming from the murders of 17-year-old Skyler Fox and 18-year-old Brandon Bacote-Byer in Pottstown. The District Attorney is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Kelly.

Kelly, a.k.a. "Taz," is wanted on two counts of First-Degree Murder, Second-Degree Murder, Third-Degree Murder, Robbery and Conspiracy related to the Pottstown double homicide. In addition to this First-Degree Murder warrant, Kelly has eight additional warrants for his arrest as well as a Montgomery County bench warrant. The other warrants involve charges of Aggravated Assault, Person Not to Possess a Firearm, Simple Assault, Robbery, Strangulation, Terroristic Threats, and Fleeing and Eluding and are for offenses in Pottstown, Norristown, North Coventry Township in Chester County and PSP—Skipack.

Kelly is a Black male, has black hair and brown eyes, stands 6-feet tall and weighs approximately 180 pounds. He is to be considered armed and dangerous. Anyone who sees him should call 911. Anyone with information about his whereabouts should call Pottstown Police at 610-970-6570 or Montgomery County Detectives at 610-226-5553. 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.

The fatal shootings of Fox and Bacote-Byer occurred on Monday, Oct. 17, 2022, at 11:33 p.m. Pottstown Police responded for multiple calls of shots fired in the area of Fourth and Johnson Streets. They arrived to find the two deceased victims lying by Fox's vehicle. Police recovered numerous fired cartridge casings, one projectile and a Taurus G3 9 mm handgun with an obliterated serial number at the scene. Police did not recover a backpack from the scene. However, a witness told police that he/she observed Fox with a backpack on his shoulder as he crawled away from his vehicle, but minutes later, the witness said the backpack was gone and Fox was no longer moving.

The ensuing investigation by Pottstown Police and the Montgomery County Detective Bureau found that co-defendant Dominic Carboni, who was arrested on Oct. 20, 2022 on murder charges, was meeting Fox to purchase marijuana. Prior to that meeting, Carboni picked up Kelly in his maroon pickup truck and drove to the meetup location.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

CRIMINAL CHARGES, AND ANY DISCUSSION THEREOF, ARE MERELY ALLEGATIONS AND ALL DEFENDANTS ARE PRESUMED INNOCENT UNTIL AND UNLESS PROVEN GUILTY.

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