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### **SEAN BROWN ARRESTED FOR FIRST-DEGREE MURDER RELATED TO SEPT. 13<sup>TH</sup> LOWER MERION HOMICIDE**



**SEAN BROWN**

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Nov. 6, 2020) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Lower Merion Township Police Superintendent Michael J. McGrath announce the arrest of Sean Brown, 19, of Philadelphia, for the murder of 19-year-old Nahray Crisden on Sept. 13, 2020 in the Penn Wynne section of Lower Merion.

On Sunday, Sept. 13, 2020 at 10:43 p.m., Lower Merion Police responded to a reported shooting in the 1400 block of Surrey Lane in Lower Merion. Upon arrival, they located a deceased male who sustained apparent gunshot wounds to his torso. Six 9 mm cartridge casings were recovered from the crime scene.

Montgomery County Detectives and Lower Merion Police launched a joint investigation into the homicide. Detectives learned that the victim and defendant were longtime acquaintances and were together that night. The investigation secured surveillance video from multiple sources, and extensive forensic analysis led to the identification of the defendant. Video surveillance footage included showing the defendant and victim together at 8:21 p.m. outside of a Conoco station on City Avenue. At 10:38 p.m., residential video surveillance showed the same two males in distinctive clothing walking north toward the crime scene. One male is wearing a baseball cap and is

holding what appears to be a gun in his right hand.

One male in the video was identified by detectives as being the victim, based on his clothing. At 10:44 p.m., video surveillance from City Avenue showed the other male walking alone, just east of the crime scene.

Additionally, two witnesses told detectives that s/he heard a gunshot, looked out of their home windows, then heard additional gunshots and saw a male wearing dark clothing run east toward City Avenue.

“The credit for the successful conclusion of this investigation goes to the hard work put in by the team of dedicated investigators from the Montgomery County Detective Bureau and Lower Merion Police Department,” said Supt. McGrath. “They worked tirelessly over the last seven weeks since the senseless killing of Nahray Crisden to identify his killer. We hope this brings some measure of closure to Mr. Crisden’s family.”

Brown was charged with First-Degree Murder, Possessing an Instrument of Crime and related charges. He was arraigned today before Magisterial District Judge Karen Eisner Zucker. No bail is available for First-Degree Murder. Brown was remanded to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 11 a.m., Nov. 20, 2020 before Judge Zucker.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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