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### **DISTRICT ATTORNEY ANNOUNCES INVESTIGATION INTO DEATH OF BOY IN HORSHAM**

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (April 11, 2023) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Horsham Police Chief Scott Fida announce an investigation into the death of an 11-year-old boy, found deceased by his father.

At 7:06 a.m., April 11, 2023, Horsham Police responded to a home in the 500 block of Privet Road in Horsham Township after the boy's father, Daniel Whitehead, found his son dead and called 911. Police arrived to find Matthew Whitehead dead in the bed in the master bedroom, where he had spent the night with his mother, Ruth DiRienzo Whitehead.

A joint investigation into the boy's death was launched by Montgomery County Detectives and Horsham Police. The father told police that when he awoke this morning, he noticed the master bedroom door was locked and his wife's black Toyota Highlander was missing from the garage. While police were still in the family home, Cape May, N.J. police found the wife's SUV partially submerged in the ocean just off Beach Avenue in Cape May. A short time later, DiRienzo Whitehead was found alive by Wildwood Crest Police.

Cause of death is pending an autopsy by the Montgomery County Coroner's Office. No charges have been filed.

Approved for release:

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