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DA ANNOUNCES HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION IN NORRISTOWN, OFFERS $5,000 REWARD FOR HELP IN IDENTIFYING ATTACKERS; 35-year-old William Carter Was Fatally Shot After Robbery

For Video of the Incident: https://montgomerycountypa.gov/CivicMedia?VID=410
NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Jan. 21, 2024) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Norristown Police Chief Jacqueline Bailey-Davis announce a robbery and homicide at 7:49 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024, in the zero block of West Wood Street in Norristown that left William Carter, 35, of Norristown, dead of a gunshot wound.

At approximately 7:50 p.m., Norristown Police were dispatched to West Wood Street and Powell Street for a report of shots fired. They arrived to find Carter dead on the sidewalk on the west side of West Wood Street. A joint homicide investigation by Norristown Police and Montgomery County Detectives found that Carter left the home of an acquaintance on Powell Street to retrieve something from his vehicle when he was attacked, robbed and shot.

Video surveillance captured three male subjects as they ran from a grey Toyota RAV-4 and robbed the victim. A fourth male remained in the driver’s seat of the Toyota. After they robbed him, one suspect shot and killed Carter. The men then fled in the Toyota, driving westbound on West Wood Street at a high rate of speed. At approximately 3 a.m., Norristown Police were dispatched to a vehicle fire at Willow and Roberts streets. They arrived to find a gray Toyota Rav-4 completely engulfed in flames. Police determined that the vehicle had been stolen in Cheltenham on Dec. 21, 2023, and believe it was the same vehicle used by the assailants.

The police are seeking the public’s assistance in identifying any of the suspects. A reward of $5,000 is being offered for information leading to the identification and arrest of any or all of the perpetrators of this crime. Anyone with information should contact Norristown Police at 610-270-0977 or Montgomery County Detectives at 610-226-5553.

Approved for release:
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