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## **Request for the Public's Assistance in Courthouse Bomb Threat**

Montgomery County District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman and Montgomery County Sheriff Russell Bono are seeking the public's assistance in identifying a person of interest that may have called police and public safety to report bombs and explosives at the Montgomery County Courthouse.

On Thursday, January 29, 2015 at 8:32 AM the Norristown Police Department received a phone call from an unidentified male caller. He reported the presence of "explosives and bombs" in the Montgomery County Courthouse, Norristown. Investigators determined this phone call was made from the payphone at the **7-Eleven Store, Main Street and Montgomery Avenue**, West Norriton Township.

Minutes after the first call, on Thursday, January 29, 2015 at 8:35 AM the Montgomery County Department of Public Safety received a 911 call from a mobile phone. The unidentified male caller reported the presence of explosives at the Montgomery County Courthouse. This call came from a mobile phone which, at the time of the 911 call, was located in the area of **Main Street and Hamilton Street, Norristown**.

In response to these two reports, the Montgomery County Sheriff and the Montgomery County Courthouse Security Officers coordinated an evacuation of the Montgomery County Courthouse. A search was conducted of the courthouse and no explosives were discovered. The Montgomery County Detective Bureau initiated a criminal investigation into the two phone calls, which falsely reported the presence of explosives in the county courthouse.

County Detectives discovered the male believed to be the man who made the 8:32 AM call to the Norristown Police, was seen approximately 26 minutes (8:06 AM) earlier using the same 7-Eleven pay phone. During the 8:06 AM use of the payphone, the male appeared in the same clothing, but without the hood up over his head and without wearing sunglasses.

The first two attached photos were retrieved from 7-Eleven surveillance video and show the person of interest that may have made the 8:32 AM phone call to the Norristown Police. After the call was made to the Norristown Police, the surveillance video shows the male leaving the front of the store and walking north on Montgomery Avenue (away from Main St.), the same direction from which he had come to the 7-Eleven.



The following three photographs are also taken from 7-Eleven surveillance video. These photos depict the male who used the payphone at 8:06 AM.

\*Any vehicles seen in these photos or in the video are considered those of potential witnesses\*



Also attached is a video of the 8:06 AM use of the payphone. The video provides a more detailed observation of the male's build and gait and other personal traits.

[January 29 2015 8 06 AM 7 Eleven Video](#)

Montgomery County Detectives need assistance from members of the public in identifying this male. Anyone with information as to the identity of the person in the photos/video, or who saw this male either near the 7-Eleven or near Main and Hamilton Streets on the morning of January 29, 2015, should call the Montgomery County Detective Bureau at 610-278-3368 (during regular business hours) or 610-275-1222 (after hours).

Approved for release:

Risa Vetri Ferman

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