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STATEMENT RE: MAY 24 FIRE AT NORTH PENN HIGH SCHOOL

It was determined that the fire at North Penn High School on May 24, 2016, was intentionally set by a student at the school. This was a very serious fire. Multiple fire companies and police departments responded, and it took some time to put out. The fire caused extensive structural and smoke damage that will affect the school in a significant financial way.

Because the perpetrator is a juvenile, we are confined by the Pennsylvania Juvenile Act and can't identify the student. However, we are taking the matter very seriously. The juvenile has been charged with multiple felonies. A detention hearing took place this morning at the Montgomery County Juvenile Court, and the juvenile is now being detained at the Youth Center pending further court proceedings.

Approved for release:

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