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### DA ANNOUNCES OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING AND INVESTIGATION IN POTTSTOWN BOROUGH

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (March 9, 2018) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele announces an investigation into an officer-involved shooting that occurred at 40 E. High Street in Pottstown Borough.

Per protocol for officer-involved shootings in the county, Montgomery County Detectives responded to the scene to investigate the shooting of an armed suspect that occurred at approximately 11:25 p.m., Thursday, March 8. Pottstown Borough Police were contacted for a reported welfare check of a suicidal subject at 40 E. High Street in Pottstown. Police were informed that the subject had posted photos online of himself holding a gun to his head and threatening to harm himself.

When Pottstown Police Officers arrived on scene, they encountered a male suspect in the parking lot. The suspect was confronted by a responding officer, who discharged his firearm, striking the suspect. The suspect was transported to Reading Hospital and later pronounced dead. A BB/pellet gun was recovered in proximity to the suspect.

Per policy, the name of the police officer involved as well as the suspect's name are not being released at this time.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele