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NAFEES FRAZIER AND ZARIYUS JOHNSON ARRESTED FOR MURDER OF DERRICK LYNCH ON SEPT. 23



FRAZIER



JOHNSON

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Oct. 3, 2018) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Norristown Police Chief Mark E. Talbot announce the arrests of Nafees Frazier, 19, and Zariyus Z. Johnson, 20, both of Norristown on First-Degree Murder and related charges for the Sept. 23 stabbing death of 41-year-old Derrick Lynch in the 500 block of Dekalb Street in Norristown.

At 3:55 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018, Norristown Police responded to the 500 block of Dekalb Street to find Lynch suffering from multiple stab wounds. Lynch was transported to Mercy Suburban Hospital, where he was later pronounced dead.

A joint investigation by the Montgomery County Detective Bureau and Norristown Municipal Police Department revealed that Frazier was inside a local restaurant when Johnson ran in. Both men left the restaurant, crossed Dekalb Street and attacked the victim, stabbing him multiple times. A knife was found in a grassy area near the victim.

Johnson and Frazier are both charged with First-Degree Murder, Second-Degree Murder, Third-Degree Murder, Criminal Conspiracy, Robbery and related charges. Johnson was arraigned on Oct. 1, 2018, before Magisterial District Judge Greg Scott. Frazier was arraigned today before Magisterial District Judge Francis Lawrence. No bail is available for First-Degree Murder charges, and both defendants were remanded to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility. The preliminary hearing for both defendants is scheduled for 9 a.m., Oct. 12, 2018, before Magisterial District Judge Margaret A. Hunsicker.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Allison Ruth and Rod Fancher.

Approved for release:

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