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20-YEAR-OLD ARMANI RHEDRICK ARRESTED FOR THE HOMICIDE OF OTIS HARRIS IN POTTSTOWN



ARMANI RHEDRICK

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Sept. 24, 2019) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Pottstown Police Chief Michael Markovich announce the arrest of Armani Cortez Rhedrick, 20, of West King Street in Pottstown, for First-Degree Murder and related charges in the homicide of Otis Harris, 31, of Pottstown.

At 8:27 a.m., on Monday, Sept. 23, Pottstown Police responded to a reported shooting on Scott Street. Upon arrival, they found a male identified as Harris, who had been shot in the head. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Three fired shotgun shells were recovered in the area of Harris' body.

Montgomery County Detectives and Pottstown Police launched a joint investigation, which found that the defendant had a physical altercation with Rayshawn McKay outside of McKay's home on Scott Street minutes before Harris was shot. McKay

returned to his home bleeding from his nose and mouth and told his uncle, Otis Harris, about the altercation. Harris then went outside and three gunshots were heard by McKay and other witnesses. Rhedrick was also observed carrying a long gun wrapped in a blanket before he got into a silver Hyundai sedan to leave the scene.

An autopsy was conducted on Monday by the Montgomery County Coroner's Office. The cause of death was multiple shotgun wounds and the manner of death was ruled homicide.

Rhedrick was charged with First-Degree Murder, Third-Degree Murder and Possessing an Instrument of Crime. He was arraigned by Magisterial District Judge Suzan Leonard. Bail is not available for First-Degree Murder, and Rhedrick was remanded to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 11:30 a.m., Oct. 7, 2019, before Magisterial District Judge Scott Palladino.

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