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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DELAWARE COUNTY MAN ARRESTED FOR HARASSING, LEWD VOICEMAILS TO U.S. REPRESENTATIVE MADELINE DEAN



STEPHEN M. CILURSO

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (April 12, 2021) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele announces the arrest of Stephen M. Cilurso, 68, of Aldan, Pa., on charges related to a series of harassing and lewd voicemail messages left at the Glenside Congressional Office of U.S. Representative Madeline Dean from Feb. 10 to Feb. 18, 2021.

The investigation began on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2021, when Montgomery County Detectives were contacted by United States Capitol Police regarding 16 harassing voicemail messages left at the Congresswoman's Glenside office in Cheltenham Township. The messages continued beyond the initial report, and in total, 19 harassing messages were left from Feb. 10 to Feb. 18, 2021. The originating phone number was traced to the defendant, who does not live in Congresswoman Dean's district. The voicemail messages contained vulgar, obscene and sexually explicit language directed at the Congresswoman as well as several that referenced the Proud Boys and the Congresswoman's testimony during the second impeachment trial of former President Donald Trump. The last harassing voicemail was left after the defendant had been advised by detectives to cease contacting Rep. Dean.

Cilurso is charged with misdemeanor Harassment–Lewd Communication and summary Harassment–Repeatedly Commits Acts. He was arraigned before Magisterial District Judge Christopher Cerski and released on unsecured bail and ordered not to contact U.S. Representative Dean. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for April 22, 2021, at 10:15 am before Magisterial District Judge Cerski.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

CRIMINAL CHARGES, AND ANY DISCUSSION THEREOF, ARE MERELY ALLEGATIONS AND ALL DEFENDANTS ARE PRESUMED INNOCENT UNTIL AND UNLESS PROVEN GUILTY.