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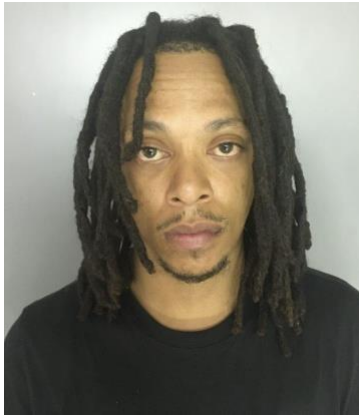
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MONTEZ KENT ARRESTED FOR THE MURDER OF JUNIOR PINNOCK IN NORRISTOWN ON SUNDAY



MONTEZ KENT

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (April 28, 2021) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Norristown Police Chief Mark E. Talbot Sr. announce the arrest of Montez Kent, 29, of Norristown for the murder of 31-year-old Junior Pinnock of Norristown on Sunday night, April 25, 2021.

On Sunday, April 25, 2021, at 9:08 p.m., Norristown Police responded to Ann and Barbadoes Streets in Norristown for a report of a man who had been shot. Police arrived to find the victim, Junior Pinnock, suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. He was transported to Suburban Community Hospital where he was pronounced dead. The scene was processed, and four 9mm cartridge casings were recovered as well as the sheaf, blade and handle of a long-bladed knife.

An autopsy was conducted on April 26, 2021 by Dr. Frederic Hellman of the Montgomery County Coroner's Office, which determined that Pinnock died of multiple gunshot wounds and the manner of death was homicide.

Norristown Police and Montgomery County Detectives launched a joint investigation into the homicide. The investigation found through witness interviews and surveillance

video that the victim had come to the area looking for Kent and called him when he found he wasn't in an area residence. Soon after, a dark-colored vehicle parked in the nearby county-owned parking lot, from which two people exited. The investigation found that the defendant and the victim physically fought in the street, with Kent pulling a long-bladed knife from behind his back and lunging at the victim, who knocked the knife away. While they were fighting, the second male shot the victim multiple times, then both men ran back to the vehicle and fled the area in the dark-colored vehicle.

Kent was arrested and charged with First-Degree Murder, Third-Degree Murder, Conspiracy to Commit Murder and Possessing an Instrument of Crime. He was arraigned before Magisterial District Judge Margaret Hunsicker. There is no bail available for First-Degree Murder, and the defendant was remanded to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 9 a.m., May 7, 2021 before Magisterial District Judge Greg Scott.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant Chief of Trials Roderick Fancher and Assistant District Attorney William Highland, with the Norristown Community Justice Unit.

The investigation is continuing. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Norristown Police Department at 610-270-0977 or call the Montgomery County Detectives' Tip Line at 610-278-DOIT (3638). Anonymous text tips can be submitted using MontcoCrimeTips on the STOPit! app. The STOPit! app can be downloaded for free from the App Store for iPhones or Google Play for Androids, then use code MONTCOPA to get the Montgomery County version of the app.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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