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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ERIC BAKER ARRESTED FOR AGG ASSAULT, PERSON NOT TO POSSESS A FIREARM RELATED TO THE OCT. 23 MURDER IN POTTSTOWN;

Samir Bentley and Ahmed Mohammed still sought for First-Degree Murder



ERIC BAKER

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Nov. 4, 2021) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele and Pottstown Police Chief Mick Markovich announce the arrest of Eric Baker, 26, of Norristown, on charges of Aggravated Assault, Person Not to Possess a Firearm and other charges related to the Oct. 23 shooting death of Robert Stiles in Pottstown. Baker was seen on surveillance video firing a semi-automatic firearm at a minivan containing the three men wanted for Stiles' murder.

Baker was apprehended on Nov. 3, 2021, when he was seen by Pottstown Police driving a Toyota 4-Runner in Pottstown. Police were unable to stop the vehicle, which was fleeing eastbound on 422. Montgomery County Detectives located Baker in a residence in Norristown late Wednesday afternoon, and he was arrested without incident. Baker was in possession of .22 caliber handgun with an obliterated serial number at the time of his arrest.

An arrest warrant was issued for Baker following the Oct. 23, 2021 murder of Stiles on East High Street in Pottstown. A joint homicide investigation was launched by

Montgomery County Detectives and Pottstown Police. The homicide was captured on multiple surveillance cameras, which showed that Stiles was being robbed at the time he was shot. The video shows the victim was grabbed by 16-year-old Ahmed Mohammed, who pulls him into an area in front of 429 High Street, then Samir Bentley and Dajon Harrison approach. Harrison pulls a gun from his waistband and hands it to Bentley, who shoots Stiles three times, and he falls to the sidewalk. The three men can be seen in the video running to a dark-colored minivan. As the minivan pulls away, Baker is seen firing a semi-automatic firearm at the minivan as it flees.

Baker is charged with Aggravated Assault, Person Not to Possess a Firearm, Recklessly Endangering Another Person and related charges. He was arraigned before Magisterial District Judge Edward Levine, who set bail at \$1 million cash. Baker was unable to post bail and was remanded to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 9 a.m., Nov. 10, 2021 before Magisterial District Judge Edward C. Kropp Sr.

Police are still searching for two other men on First-Degree Murder charges—Samir Bentley, 20, and Ahmed Mohammed, 16, both of Philadelphia. Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Bentley or Mohammed should contact the Pottstown Police at 610-970-6570 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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