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PRESS RELEASE

**15 Year Old Shot and
Killed in Phoenixville**

The Chester County District Attorney's Office and Phoenixville Police Department announced that there was a homicide last night in Phoenixville, Chester County, Pennsylvania. Jayson Ortiz-Cameron, 15 years old, was shot and killed in the back parking lot of Dunkin' Donuts, 218 Nutt Road, Phoenixville. The homicide is being investigated by the Phoenixville Police Department and the Chester County Detectives.

The facts discovered to date from witnesses and video surveillance are as follows. This was a drug-related homicide. The victim and other people planned to commit a robbery in the middle of marijuana deal in the back parking lot of the Dunkin' Donuts. During that drug transaction, the victim was shot and killed.

At approximately 7:15 p.m., a car containing the shooter arrived at the Dunkin' Donuts and circled the entire store, consistent with counter-surveillance. The car then backed into a spot at the back of the parking lot. The victim and his friends had been in contact with the occupants of the car to set up the drug deal.

The victim and his friends approached the car. There were 3-4 people in the car, including a black male driver with dreadlocks or braids and a white male in the front passenger seat. The victim and his friends had a conversation with the occupants of the car, which escalated into a confrontation.

The black male driver was arguing with the victim and his friends about the marijuana deal. The white male from the front passenger seat joined the argument. One of the males from the car then pulled a silver handgun and shot the victim, who dropped to the ground. The males from the car got back into the car and immediately fled, exiting onto Milligan Street.

Photographs of the fleeing vehicle are attached. The vehicle left the scene at approximately 7:24 p.m.

Phoenixville Police and emergency responders arrived at the scene in response to 911 calls. The victim was pronounced dead shortly after that. The victim's family has been notified.

Police are actively seeking the males in the car. Anybody with information should contact Chester County Detective Joe Walton at 610-344-6866 or Phoenixville Detective Pat Mark at 610-933-1180.

Chester County District Attorney Hogan stated, "The individuals in the car who were not the shooter should contact authorities immediately. Some individuals may be treated as witnesses rather than defendants, but that opportunity decreases with every minute you stay on the run. We are using multiple investigative tools and leads to track you down."

Phoenixville Police Chief Thomas Sjoström stated, "We have a combined investigative team working on this case. This was not a random act of violence. We will continue to work diligently to uncover all of the case facts and evidence in order to determine the identity of the shooter."

District Attorney Hogan added, "The suspects were engaged with this victim over a petty drug deal. Now a young man is dead and the suspects are fugitives, knowing that one of them is a killer. All of this violence was triggered by a little bit of weed and a little bit of greed. It is senseless."

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Approved for release:

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