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During the Chester County District Attorney's Awards Ceremony held on Friday, January 25, 2013 in Courtroom 1 of the Chester County Justice Center, awards were presented for outstanding law enforcement accomplishments. The main awards were as follows:

1. Detective Darren Sedlak of the West Goshen Township Police Department was presented with the Chester County Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award (the "LEO Award"). Chester County District Attorney Tom Hogan stated, "Darren Sedlak is a tremendous investigator, an outstanding team player, and a man of deep integrity. He is a great asset to Chester County law enforcement."

2. Chester County Detective Kenneth Beam was presented with the Chester County Detective of the Year Award; and

3. Deputy District Attorney Ronald Yen was presented with the Chester County Prosecutor of the Year Award.

In addition, District Attorney Commendations were presented to the following for accomplishments in 2012:

1. Pennsylvania Senate Majority Leader Dominic Pileggi for leadership and support of law enforcement in the drafting and enactment of Pennsylvania's first legislation to fight gang recruiting;

2. New Garden Township Police Department Chief Gerald R. Simpson for his leadership and innovation in proposing Pennsylvania's first legislation to fight gang crime;

3. The Coatesville Police Department for outstanding work in the arrest and conviction of Laquanta Chapman for the murder of Aaron Turner;

4. The Upper Uwchlan Township Police Department for outstanding work in the arrest and conviction of James Hvizda for the murder of Kimberly Hvizda; and

5. The Willistown Township Police Department for outstanding work in the investigation, arrest, and conviction of Kim Nguyen for the robbery of TD Bank.

Detectives Michael McGinnis and Robert Dougherty were sworn in as Sergeants for the Chester County Detectives during the ceremony as well.

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Approved for release:

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