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PRESS RELEASE

**Lower Oxford Man Arrested for
Killing Grandmother**

Chester County District Attorney Tom Hogan and the Pennsylvania State Police – Avondale Barracks announced the arrest of defendant Kevin Havelow for the crime of murder. On January 19, 2016, at approximately 2:30 a.m., the defendant stabbed and killed his grandmother, Aleen Watters, age 81. The offense took place at 135 Irwin Drive, Lower Oxford, Chester County, Pennsylvania, the residence of both the defendant and the victim. The defendant also has been charged with attempted rape of his mother and grandmother.

District Attorney Hogan stated, “This was a brutal attack. The family is traumatized. The Pennsylvania State Police did an outstanding job responding to a remarkably volatile situation.”

Lieutenant Jeremy Richard of the Pennsylvania State Police stated, “We are grateful that the quick response stopped the defendant’s actions before anyone else was injured or killed.”

The defendant is 23 years old. He is unemployed. He is a graduate of Oxford High School. He resided at 135 Irwin Drive, Lower Oxford, with his grandmother, mother, and sister.¹

¹ The names of the defendant’s mother and sister are being withheld for their privacy based on the nature of the crimes.

The allegations of the criminal complaint are as follows:²

On the night of Monday, January 18, 2016, the defendant was out with a friend. He was driving his mother's car. He had been smoking marijuana. The defendant returned to the residence on Irwin Drive at approximately 1:00 a.m., the early morning hours of Tuesday, January 19. The defendant and his friend entered the residence.

The defendant later asked his mother if the friend could stay the night. The defendant's mother said no and told the defendant that she would no longer put up with him bringing people over to the house late at night and other types of misbehavior. The defendant was angry at his mother and grandmother, believing that they were preventing him from having a normal social life, including having a regular girlfriend and smoking marijuana in the house.

The defendant then attacked his mother, with his sister present. The defendant dragged his mother to the ground and sexually assaulted her. Eventually, the defendant's mother fought her way free. The defendant's sister called 911, leading to the dispatch of the police.

The defendant next attacked his grandmother, 81-year old Aleen Watters. The defendant's grandmother needed a walker to get around and slept in a bed on the first floor. The defendant sexually assaulted his grandmother on her bed. The defendant took multiple knives out of the kitchen and stabbed his grandmother over 20 times in the stomach, chest, and head.

Troopers from the Pennsylvania State Police then arrived at the residence and were let in by the defendant's sister. The Troopers found the defendant still in the house, where he was taken into custody. The Troopers attempted to save the defendant's grandmother, but she died at the scene from the stab wounds.

Through the course of the investigation, the police discovered that the defendant was voluntarily committed to Brandywine Hospital in December of 2015 for threatening to harm himself.

The defendant has been charged with first degree murder, attempted rape, and related offenses.

² A criminal defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty in court.

This case was investigated by the Pennsylvania State Police – Avondale Barracks, with assistance from the Chester County Detectives. Assistant District Attorney Brian Burack has been assigned to prosecute the case. Anybody with information should contact Trooper Nathan Aukamp at (610) 268-2022.

District Attorney Hogan added, “Every homicide is disturbing, but a homicide of an elderly person within a family is particularly troubling. We are all grateful for the swift response of law enforcement and the cooperation of the family to address this matter quickly, thoroughly, and justly.”

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Approved for release:

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