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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Accused Drug Dealer Charged With  
Witness Intimidation Arrested**

Chester County District Attorney Tom Hogan announced the arrest of Kenneth “War” Wylie of Coatesville, Pennsylvania for witness intimidation and conspiracy. Wylie is also a defendant in an active drug case. Wylie and co-defendant Chanel Turner tracked down a witness in the drug case against Wylie in the Chester County Justice Center and attempted to intimidate the witness into not testifying against Wylie. Turner, Wylie’s girlfriend, was an employee of the Chester County Juvenile Probation Department who has since been terminated.

Turner was previously arrested. Wylie, after being on the run for over three months, turned himself into the Chester County Detectives on Tuesday afternoon. He turned himself in after a warrant sweep on Friday by the Coatesville Police Department checked the addresses of his mother and girlfriend.

Chester County District Attorney Tom Hogan stated, “Through his every word and deed, this defendant has shown his disrespect for the Chester County justice system. Now it is time for him to face the consequences of his conduct. ”

Wylie is 25 years old. He resides at 357 Mt. Pleasant Road, Coatesville, Pennsylvania.

Prior to the initial charges being filed, the defendant posted a rap video portraying him killing an individual who was cooperating with the police. While a fugitive, Wylie publically posted numerous photos flashing money, police reports revealing names of individuals who spoke to law enforcement, and openly criticizing those who do speak to law enforcement. Prior to turning himself into law enforcement, Wylie posed for photos outside the Justice Center. Finally, Wylie used audio from the prior media coverage announcing charges against him in a new rap song attempting to glorify his drug dealing and life on the run. (<https://soundcloud.com/warg4l/war-wars-friday-cleaned>).

The allegations from the criminal complaint<sup>1</sup> are as follows:

Wylie has pending criminal cases for the sales of drugs in Coatesville, Pennsylvania. The victim in this case is a prosecution witness against Wylie in the drug cases.

On October 20, 2015, the victim was seated in Courtroom 12 of the Chester County Justice Center. Wylie was scheduled for a preliminary hearing the next day on his open drug cases. Turner was working at the Juvenile Probation Department. She left Juvenile Probation and went to Courtroom 12. She had no official reason to be in Courtroom 12. Turner approached the victim in the courtroom. Turner told the victim, "Hey, don't show up in court tomorrow." The victim questioned Turner, who stated, "War said don't come to court tomorrow." The victim said that he did not have court and asked why "War" was going to be in court. Turner stated, "War had some sales or something and your name came up." Turner was referring to the drug sales cases against the defendant and the fact that the victim's name had come up as a witness against the defendant. Turner also stated, "He [War] said we are better than that so just don't come to court tomorrow."

The victim later was walking to another office in the Justice Center. At that time, the victim saw Wylie in the hallway. Wylie was not listed for any official business in the Justice Center. Wylie stated to the victim, "Long time no see." Wylie then followed the victim to an office and stayed to stare at him.

The victim stated that he also had received multiple electronic messages in the days prior to October 20, with Wylie attempting to reach the victim directly or through other people.

The victim believed that the communications and conduct of Wylie and Turner were intended to intimidate the victim. The message delivered was both direct (don't testify) and indirect (we can track you down, even in the Justice Center). The communications and conduct of Wylie and Turner are consistent with a history of attempts to intimidate witnesses and interfere with the administration of justice in cases coming out of Coatesville.

Turner was arrested and interviewed by the Chester County Detectives. Turner stated she received a text message from Wylie on the morning of October 20, 2015. Turner stated that Wylie advised her of the victim being in court and instructed Turner to give the message to the victim to not appear in court the next day. Wylie was scheduled for a preliminary hearing on October 21, 2015. Turner stated at approximately 10:30 a.m., while on her break from the probation office, she went to the 6th floor of the Justice Center and located the victim in Courtroom 12. Turner stated she walked up to the victim, had a brief conversation with him, and told him not to go to court on the following day. Turner said she went back to her office after that, when she received a text message from Wylie, stating he was in the building.

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<sup>1</sup> A criminal defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty in court.

Both Wylie and Turner have been charged with felony witness intimidation and conspiracy. The cases have been assigned to the Honorable James P. MacElree. Bail was set at \$30,000 and Wylie was committed to Chester County Prison.

This case was investigated by the Chester County Detectives and Coatesville Police Department. The assigned prosecutor is Assistant District Attorney Kevin Pierce. Anybody with any further information should contact Chester County Detective Joseph Nangle at (610) 344-6866.

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Approved for release:

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