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FORMER POLICE OFFICER FACING FELONY THEFT, OTHER CHARGES; TAKEN INTO CUSTODY FOLLOWING INCIDENT AT CHURCH

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Aug. 31, 2017) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele, Lower Providence Police Chief Stanley Turtle and West Norriton Police Chief A. Dale Mabry announce the arrest of Charles Murray, 37, of Eagleville, for felony Theft, five counts of misdemeanor Theft, Theft from a Vehicle, Recklessly Endangering Another Person, Institutional Vandalism and Carrying a Firearm without a Proper License.

At 6:45 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2017, Lower Providence police discovered a police vehicle had been broken into while parked in the township parking lot. An M-16 patrol rifle and ammunition was stolen from the car. Murray, a former Lower Providence Police Officer, had previously operated the police vehicle that was broken into. A Lower Providence detective contacted Murray to ask him to come to the police station to discuss an important matter. He refused.

At 8:13 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 30, West Norriton Police, Lower Providence Police and Montgomery County Detectives responded to St. Teresa of Avila Church in West Norriton after a priest saw Murray's vehicle with a ventilation hose running into the closed car in an apparent attempt to commit suicide. Murray voluntarily went into the church to talk with the priest, and at 10 a.m., he was taken into police custody without incident. Detectives recovered the M-16 and ammunition from under the Collegeville Bridge.

Murray has not yet been arraigned; his arraignment before Magisterial District Judge Cathleen Rebar is pending.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Laura Bradbury, captain of the Firearms Unit.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

CRIMINAL CHARGES, AND ANY DISCUSSION THEREOF, ARE MERELY ALLEGATIONS AND ALL DEFENDANTS ARE PRESUMED INNOCENT UNTIL AND UNLESS PROVEN GUILTY.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
COUNTY OF: MONTGOMERY

Magisterial District Number: 38-1-20
MDJ: Hon. CATHLEEN K. REBAR
Address: 133 LEVEL ROAD
COLLEGEVILLE PA 19426-3313
Telephone: (610)409-2517



POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
VS.

DEFENDANT:

(NAME and ADDRESS):

CHARLES J MURRAY
First Name Middle Name Last Name Gen.

14 EAGLEVILLE ROAD, APT. 2, EAGLEVILLE PA 19403

NCIC Extradition Code Type

- 1-Felony Full
- 2-Felony Ltd.
- 3-Felony Surrounding States
- 4-Felony No Ext.
- 5-Felony Pend.
- A-Misdemeanor Full
- B-Misdemeanor Limited
- C-Misdemeanor Surrounding States
- D-Misdemeanor No Extradition
- E-Misdemeanor Pending
- Distance: _____

DEFENDANT IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

Docket Number CR 366-17 Date Filed 08/31/2017 OTN/LiveScan Number 79651585 Complaint/Incident Number 20170829M5668 SID _____ Request Lab Services? YES NO

GENDER Male Female DOB 04/12/1980 POB PENNSYLVANIA Add'l DOB / / Co-Defendant(s) Gen.

RACE White Asian Black Native American Unknown

ETHNICITY Hispanic Non-Hispanic Unknown

HAIR COLOR GRY (Gray) RED (Red/Aubn.) SDY (Sandy) BLU (Blue) PLE (Purple) BRO (Brown)
 BLK (Black) ONG (Orange) WHI (White) XXX (Unk./Bald) GRN (Green) PNK (Pink)
 BLN (Blonde / Strawberry)

EYE COLOR BLK (Black) BLU (Blue) BRO (Brown) GRN (Green) GRY (Gray)
 HAZ (Hazel) MAR (Maroon) PNK (Pink) MUL (Multicolored) XXX (Unknown)

Driver License State PA License Number 25202302 Expires: 04/13/2020 WEIGHT (lbs.) 160

DNA YES NO DNA Location _____ Ft. HEIGHT In. 5 7

FBI Number _____ MNU Number _____ Defendant Fingerprinted YES NO

Fingerprint Classification: _____

DEFENDANT VEHICLE INFORMATION

Plate # HSE6363 State PA Hazmat Registration Sticker (MM/YY) / Comm'l Veh. Ind. School Veh. Oth. NCIC Veh. Code _____ Reg. same as Def.
VIN 1C4NJRBB1GD597801 Year 2016 Make JEEP Model PATRIOT Style SW Color BLK

Office of the attorney for the Commonwealth Approved Disapproved because: _____

(The attorney for the Commonwealth may require that the complaint, arrest warrant affidavit, or both be approved by the attorney for the Commonwealth prior to filing. See Pa.R.Crim.P. 507).

(Name of the attorney for the Commonwealth) (Signature of the attorney for the Commonwealth) (Date)

I, DETECTIVE WALTER KERR 51
(Name of the Affiant) (PSP/MPOETC -Assigned Affiant ID Number & Badge #)

of MONTGOMERY COUNTY DETECTIVE BUREAU PA0461900
(Identify Department or Agency Represented and Political Subdivision) (Police Agency ORI Number)

do hereby state: (check appropriate box)

1. I accuse the above named defendant who lives at the address set forth above
 I accuse the defendant whose name is unknown to me but who is described as _____

I accuse the defendant whose name and popular designation or nickname are unknown to me and whom I have therefore designated as John Doe or Jane Doe with violating the penal laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at [208] 100 PARKLANE DRIVE
(Subdivision Code) (Place-Political Subdivision)

in MONTGOMERY [46] on or about MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2017 2000 TO 0600 TUESDAY,
County (County Code) AUGUST 29, 2017



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Docket Number:	Date Filed: 08/31/2017	OTN/LiveScan Number	Complaint/Incident Number 20170829M5668
Defendant Name	First: CHARLES	Middle: J	Last: MURRAY

The acts committed by the accused are described below with each Act of Assembly or statute allegedly violated, if appropriate. When there is more than one offense, each offense should be numbered chronologically.

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PennDOT Data (if applicable)		Accident Number			<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone			
Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance): Title 18, Section 3921 A, Theft by Unlawful Taking: A person commits a theft if he unlawfully takes, or exercises control over, movable property of another with intent to deprive him thereof.									

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Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance): Title 18, Section 3921 A, Theft by Unlawful Taking: A person commits a theft if he unlawfully takes, or exercises control over, movable property of another with intent to deprive him thereof.									

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PennDOT Data (if applicable)		Accident Number			<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone			
Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance): Title 18, Section 3934 A, Theft From a Motor Vehicle: A person commits an offense of theft from a motor vehicle if he unlawfully takes or attempts to take possession of, carries away or exercises unlawful; control over movable property of another from a motor vehicle with intent to deprive him thereof.									

Set forth a brief summary of the facts sufficient to advise the defendant of the nature of the offense(s) charged. A citation to the statute(s) allegedly violated, without more, is not sufficient. In a summary case, you must cite the specific section(s) and subsection(s) of the statute(s) or ordinance(s) allegedly violated. The age of the victim at the time of the offense may be included if known. In addition, social security numbers and financial information (e.g. PINs) should not be listed. If the identity of an account must be established, list only the last four digits. 204 PA.Code §§ 213.1 – 213.7.

- Acts of the accused:
- Title 18, Section 3921 A, Theft by Unlawful Taking: A person commits a theft if he unlawfully takes, or exercises control over, movable property of another with intent to deprive him thereof.
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PennDOT Data (if applicable)		Accident Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone		<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone			
Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance): Title 18, Section 6106 A2, Firearms Not To Be Carried Without a License: A person who is otherwise eligible to possess a valid license under this chapter but carries a firearm in any vehicle or any person who carries a firearm concealed on or about his person, except in his place of abode or fixed place of business, without a valid and lawfully issued license under this chapter and								

<input type="checkbox"/> Inchoate Offense	<input type="checkbox"/> Attempt 18 901 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation 18 902 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Conspiracy 18 903					
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PennDOT Data (if applicable)		Accident Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone		<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone			
Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance): Title 18, Section 3307 A4, Institutional Vandalism: A person commits the offense of institutional vandalism if he knowingly desecrates, vandalizes, defaces or otherwise damages 3) any school, educational facility, community center, municipal building, courthouse facility, state or local government building or vehicle, or juvenile detention center.								

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PennDOT Data (if applicable)		Accident Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone		<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone			
Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance): Title 18, Section 2705, Recklessly Endangering Another Person: A person commits a misdemeanor of the second degree if he recklessly engages in conduct which places or may place another person in danger of death or serious bodily injury								

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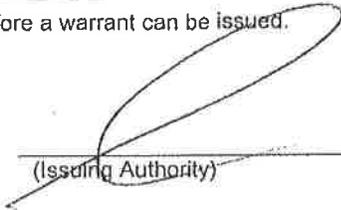
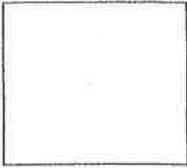
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Defendant Name	First:	Middle:	Last:

- I ask that a warrant of arrest or a summons be issued and that the defendant be required to answer the charges I have made.
- I verify that the facts set forth in this complaint are true and correct to the best of my knowledge or information and belief. This verification is made subject to the penalties of Section 4904 of the Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S. § 4904) relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.
- This complaint consists of the preceding page(s) numbered ___ through ___.

The acts committed by the accused, as listed and hereafter, were against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and were contrary to the Act(s) of the Assembly, or in violation of the statutes cited.
(Before a warrant of arrest can be issued, an affidavit of probable cause must be completed, sworn to before the issuing authority, and attached.)

_____ 8/31/2017 _____
 (Date) (Signature of Affiant)

AND NOW, on this date 8/31/17 I certify that the complaint has been properly completed and verified.
 An affidavit of probable cause must be completed before a warrant can be issued.

38-170 _____  _____ 
 (Magisterial District Court Number) (Issuing Authority)



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AFFIDAVIT of PROBABLE CAUSE

On Tuesday, August 29, 2017, at 0645 hours, Lower Providence Police Officer Eric Honick began his shift at the police station, located at 100 Parklane Drive, Eagleville, Montgomery County, and discovered the rear windshield of patrol vehicle 66-14 had been broken. The initial investigation revealed an M-16 .223 caliber patrol rifle; two Glock .40 caliber magazines containing 15 hollow point rounds of ammunition; two .223 caliber M-16 magazines containing 30 rounds of ammunition; and a tourniquet was missing from the police vehicle. The vehicle had been parked in the parking lot of the police station.

Lower Providence Criminal Investigation Division and the Montgomery County Detective Bureau commenced an investigation into the theft of the firearms, magazines, ammunition and tourniquet.

CHARLES MURRAY is a former Lower Providence Police Officer who was terminated on Friday, June 2, 2017. MURRAY served as a Lower Providence Police Officer for 10 years and he is a former United States Marine. MURRAY currently resides at 14 Eagleville Road, Apartment 2, Lower Providence, Montgomery County. MURRAY's residence is 0.3 miles away from the Lower Providence Police Station. Before MURRAY was terminated from Lower Providence Police Department, he operated patrol vehicle 66-14, which was the vehicle broken into Tuesday, August 29, 2017. MURRAY had knowledge of the proper code needed to access the M-16 .223 caliber patrol rifle that was stored in the back of patrol vehicle 66-14.

On Tuesday, August 29, 2017, at 1600 hours, Lower Providence Det. Reginald Nealy called MURRAY on MURRAY's cell phone and asked MURRAY to come to the police station to discuss an important matter. MURRAY would not commit to coming to the police station and subsequently left his residence in his black 2016 Jeep Patriot. MURRAY drove quickly away from the area of the Lower Providence Police Department.

Law enforcement, family members and friends of MURRAY's attempted to contact him throughout the next 16 hours without success. On Wednesday, August 30, 2017, at 0815 hours, MURRAY was located at St. Teresa of Avila Roman Catholic Church, 1260 South Trooper Road, West Norriton, Montgomery County.

I, WALTER KERR, BEING DULY SWORN ACCORDING TO THE LAW, DEPOSE AND SAY THAT THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE FOREGOING AFFIDAVIT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF.

Walter Kerr #51

(Signature of Affiant)

August 2017

Sworn to me and subscribed before me this

31st day of

Date

Magisterial District Judge

My commission expires first Monday of January,

2022





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AFFIDAVIT CONTINUATION PAGE**

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AFFIDAVIT of PROBABLE CAUSE CONTINUATION

On Tuesday, August 30, 2017, MURRAY attempted to commit suicide by connecting a ventilation hose to the exhaust of his vehicle and placing the other end of the hose inside his vehicle, leaving his windows closed. MURRAY was taken into police custody the church at 1000 hours and brought to the Lower Providence Police Department.

MURRAY provided a written statement to Det. Nealy and Montgomery County Det. Walter Kerr. MURRAY admitted to breaking into Lower Providence Police patrol vehicle 66-14 and stealing the M-16 .223 caliber patrol rifle; two Glock .40 caliber magazines containing 15 hollow point rounds of ammunition; two .223 caliber M-16 magazines containing 30 rounds of ammunition; and a tourniquet was missing from the police vehicle. MURRAY admitted to disposing of the items under the Collegeville Bridge, Lower Providence, on the morning of Tuesday, August 29, 2017. Lower Providence Det. Sgt. Terrence Kennedy recovered the M-16 .223 caliber patrol rifle and two magazines on the afternoon of Wednesday, August 30, 2017, under the Collegeville Bridge, more than 24 hours after MURRAY left them there.

MURRAY provided written consent to allow law enforcement to search his 2016 Jeep Patriot, Pennsylvania Registration HSE6363. Located inside the bottom, center console of the vehicle was a Sig Sauer, 230 SL 9mm KURZ, serial number S040268. The weapon was loaded with ammunition, including a round chambered. A records check revealed MURRAY does not have a valid permit to carry a concealed weapon.

Your affiant swears the above information is true and correct based on the evidence gathered during the course of this investigation. Accordingly, your affiant request CHARLES J. MURRAY be charged with the crimes set forth in this criminal complaint.

Walter Kerr #51

(Signature of Affiant)