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INFORMATION SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH RECENT HOMICIDE AT CANDLEWOOD SUITES IN CHESTER

Media, PA- On Tuesday, July 27, Chester Police responded to the Candlewood Suites located at 351 Welsh Street in Chester, and found 36 year-old Charles Bryant deceased inside the lobby of the hotel. Reports indicated that Bryant was shot outside of the hotel and stumbled inside. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene by paramedics from Crozer-Chester Medical Center. Bryant's body was transported to the Delaware County Medical Examiner's Office to determine the cause and manner of the death. The incident is being investigated as a homicide.

Witnesses at the scene have described a verbal confrontation in the parking lot immediately outside the front entrance of the hotel between the victim and the driver of a newer black Dodge pickup truck with tinted windows and a Tonneau bed cover. According to witness accounts, a female passenger of the pickup truck tried to intercede in the confrontation. She is described as approximately 40 years of age, light brown/black braids in a bun, with a thick build wearing a light brown and pink tank top. After the shooting the driver/shooter and his female passenger got back into the truck and fled the scene.

The shooter is described as a black male around 40 years of age, medium build, balding with a long goatee. Based on witness description, a composite drawing of the shooter was created.

Video surveillance was obtained from several sources depicting the suspect vehicle and showing the direction of flight as north on Welsh Street crossing over 7th Street and onto the Avenue of the States.

The composite drawing and a still photograph of the suspect vehicle are attached.

Both the shooter and the female accomplice are being actively sought by police.

The investigation is being led by Chester Detective Benjamin Thomas who can be reached at 610-447-8426 or bthomas306@chesterpolice.org and by Delaware County Criminal Investigation Division Detective Vincent Ficchi who can be reached at 610-891-4681 or ficchiv@co.delaware.pa.us

The District Attorney and the Criminal Investigations Division remind anyone in Delaware County who observes suspicious activity call to 911 immediately and provide the most specific and accurate details possible to assist law enforcement agencies investigating the call for service.

For more information contact Margie McAboy, Public Information Officer, Delaware County District Attorney's Office, 610-579-0429.

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