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**DELCO DA ANNOUNCES MURDER CHARGES IN SLAYING OF AUTO
DETAILING BUSINESS OWNER**

District Attorney G. Michael Green announced the filing of murder charges today against Shawn Michael Johnson of the 400 block of Fairview Rd., Woodlyn, Pennsylvania for the killing of Thomas Lennox on February 24, 2007. Mr. Lennox was the owner of VIP Detailing located on Chester Pike in Norwood.

At about 7:00 p.m., an employee of Mr. Lennox's found his body at the detailing shop and called for assistance. It was soon determined that Mr. Lennox's car, a white Acura Integra with a black carbon fiber hood was missing from the scene. The responding officers broadcast an alert for the missing vehicle that was located in the vicinity by officers of the Collingdale Borough Police Department. Michael Shawn Johnson was one of the persons inside the vehicle.

A subsequent investigation led by Cpl. Christopher Kennedy of the Norwood Police Department and Detective John Slowik of the County Criminal Investigative Division developed DNA evidence linking Johnson to the murder. It is believed that Johnson was an employee at VIP Detailing.

In announcing the charges against Johnson District Attorney Green stated, "This kind a senseless killing is appalling. We have here a situation where a business owner in our community was bludgeoned to death by someone he employed and trusted. I will not tolerate this and I will make certain that Mr. Johnson, and anyone like him who tries to prey on businesses in our community, is prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

Johnson will be arraigned this morning before Magisterial District Judge Peter Tozer later this morning. It is anticipated he will be held without bail as is customary in First Degree Murder cases, and preliminary hearing will be scheduled for next week.

As in all criminal matters, the charges against the defendant are merely accusations and he is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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Shawn Michael Johnson