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### KYRELL MCKOY CHARGED IN SERIES OF BURGLARIES IN ABINGTON, CHELTENHAM AND PHILADELPHIA

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (Nov. 13, 2017) — Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele, Abington Township Police Chief John A. Livingood and Cheltenham Township Police Chief John Frye announce the arrest of Kyrell McKoy, 21, of Philadelphia, for a series of overnight burglaries that involved the theft of cash, a cell phone and personal computers from occupied homes.

McKoy is charged with multiple felony counts of Burglary, Criminal Trespass, Receiving Stolen Property and other related charges including Theft by Unlawful Taking and Loitering and Prowling at Night.

The joint investigation by Abington, Cheltenham and Philadelphia detectives into the burglaries, which occurred between Oct. 14, 2017 and Nov. 10, 2017, revealed that McKoy canvassed, attempted to gain entry or entered more than 20 homes via a first-floor or ground-level window, oftentimes using a chair, stool or other items found outside the home to assist his entry. Once inside, he took cash, a cell phone and computers, leaving behind or discarding wallets, purses, credit cards and personal identification cards.

McKoy was arraigned Nov. 10, 2017 in front of Magisterial District Judge Harry J. Nesbitt III, who set bail at \$100,000 cash. The defendant failed to make bail and was remanded to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility. A preliminary hearing is set for 10:30 a.m., Nov. 24, 2017, in front of Magisterial District Judge John D. Kessler.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Benjamin D. McKenna.

Approved for release:

Kevin R. Steele

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY CASE NUMBER 17-042692

### Summary-

Beginning on October 14, 2017, there has been a rash of residential burglaries reported in Abington and Cheltenham Townships in Montgomery County, and In the City of Philadelphia. All of the burglaries share similar and unique traits and design. All of the burglaries have occurred during the overnight/ early morning hours, while the residents were sleeping inside the home. A chair from the property is often used to gain access to a first floor window. Screens are cut and/or removed, providing access to the window. Items sitting just inside the window, were removed and placed outside on the ground by the suspect, in order clear the way for the suspect to climb through the window. Once inside, the suspect remain on the ground floor of the home. US currency is taken from purses and wallets, with credit cards and other items either left behind, or discarded outside the home. Your affiant is aware, through training and experience, that for a burglar to enter a home where there is an extremely high likelihood that the homeowners are present at the time is a unique Modus Operendi (M.O.) Burglary suspects will typically go through countless measures, conducting surveillance, and "casing" of a target home in order to reduce the likelihood of someone being home. Suspects who engage in the activity of committing residential burglaries are aware that the presence of a homeowner greatly increases the chance of apprehension and the likelihood that there will be an eyewitness to their crime.

## **Background of Afflant-**

I, Detective Sergeant Nisbet, have been a police officer since November 1996. I have been with the Abington Township Police Department since May 3, 1999. During my law enforcement career, I have made hundreds of arrests and investigated a wide variety of crimes including assault, burglary, drug violations, fraud, harassment, rape and robbery.

In my current position within the Detective Division as the Special Investigations
Unit supervisor, I have the responsibility to conduct, oversee and follow-up on
investigations into crimes committed by both juveniles and adults involving
crimes against persons and property. The primary objectives of this division is to
provide both investigative and general support to other divisions of the Abington
Township Police Department in order to meet the established departmental goals
and objectives and to solve crimes.

Part of my duties involves the investigation of burglaries and thefts. I have received training on burglary investigations, surveillance techniques, evidence collection, preparing arrest and search warrants, and interview and interrogation. This training was provided to me by PA State Police, MAGLOCLEN, Montgomery County District Attorney's Office, and others. I have been involved in more than five large scale burglary investigations, which have resulted in arrests and convictions of several burglary suspects. I have conducted over a hundred hours of surveillance of burglary suspects, and through these investigations, have learned how burglars operate, methods of selecting their targets, and particular traits specific to their crimes.

## Defendant: Kyrell McKoy

Kyrell MCKOY is a black male, Date of birth 03/16/1996. His PA OLN, number lists his address as 1023 Fillmore St. in Philadelphia, PA 19124. He is assigned Social security number

## October 14, 2017

On October 14, 2017 at 0238 hours Cheltenham Police responded to Foxcroft Road in the Elkins Park section of Cheltenham Township, Montgomery County for an audible burglar alarm. The resident was home sleeping when the alarm sounded. Upon police arrival they found a ground level screen lifted and the window was open. It appears the actor(s) were scared off by the audible alarm.

## October 19, 2017

On Thursday October 19, 2017 at 0902 hours, Abington Police responded to the residence located at \_\_\_\_\_ Jericho Road in the Abington section of Montgomery County for a completed occupied burglary. The victim states he arrived home at 0130 hours, placed his briefcase in the foyer and immediately went to bed. When he came downstairs at 0630 hours his briefcase was in the dining room and opened and its contents were scattered on the table. The actor(s) entered the home while the residents were sleeping on the second floor and placed the briefcase on the dining room chair. Missing was approximately \$100.00 cash and an HP Elitebook laptop computer, model 840 G2, serial number \_\_\_\_\_\_ Credit cards and ID was left behind. Entry was gained through an unlocked ground level window. Contents on the window sill were placed on the ground outside the open window so the actor could gain entry.

## October 20, 2017

On Friday October 20, 2017 at 0250 hours Cheltenham Police Officers responded residence located at Sterling Rd for a report of a burglary to the in progress. The victims were home asleep on the second floor when they were

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awakened by their dog barking. When they checked the 1st floor they found a rear unlocked den window was open with the screen pushed up. Numerous photos that were on the inside of the window were now sitting on a table on their patio so the actor(s) could gain entry. Nothing appeared to have been taken from inside the residence.

Also on Friday October 20, 2017 at 0450 hours Cheltenham Police Officers responded to the residence at Stowe Rd for a report of a founded burglary. Stowe Rd is in close proximity to Sterling Rd. The victim went to bed around 1130pm the prior evening and woke up around 415am to find a 1st floor unlocked dining room window standing open with the screen pushed up. The victim's purse had been sitting on her kitchen table and was missing. Officers checked the area and located the victim's purse at the curb of her neighbor's house with the contents dumped out. The only thing taken from the purse was approximately \$100 in cash. Credit cards and ID were left behind.

## October 24, 2017

On October 24, 2017 at 0702 hours Abington Police Officers responded to Lillian Avenue in the Willow Grove section of Abington Township Montgomery County for a completed overnight burglary. Entry was gained through an unlocked, ground level window. The suspect placed a lawn chair outside the window to assist in making entry. The suspect remained on the lower level of the house while the residents were home and sleeping on the second floor. Residents were unaware that a burglary occurred. Stolen from the home was cash. Wallets containing credit cards and ID's were left behind.

A short time later at 0734 hours on October 24, 2017, Abington Police Officers responded to Lukens Avenue in the Willow Grove section of Abington Township Montgomery County for another completed overnight burglary. Entry was gained through an unlocked ground level window. The suspect again placed a lawn chair outside the window to assist in making entry. The suspect remained on the lower level of the house while the residents were home and sleeping on the

second floor. Residents were unaware that a burglary occurred. Stolen from the home was cash. The wallets and credit cards and ID's were left behind.

A canvass of neighbors and nearby houses, revealed an exterior camera system on the home at Lukens Ave, which is the home next door to the burglarized home at Lukens Ave. Video was reviewed by Abington Detective Burton and on October 24, 2017, at 0310 hours a dark colored sedan is seen passing Lukens Ave. At 0312 hours, a male walks past Lukens Avenue towards Lukens Avenue towards Lukens Avenue towards where the dark color sedan was parked.

## October 24, 2017 at 0405 hrs.

On October 24, 2017 at 0405 hours Cheltenham Police Officers Barone and Fahy observed a dark green 1998 Toyota Avaion sedan bearing Pa registration KMG6133 traveling east on Townshipline Rd. near Cadwalder Ave. The vehicle was traveling 60 MPH in a posted 35 MPH zone, and it twice passed a vehicle on the left, crossing over the double yellow line and into on-coming traffic. The officers conducted a traffic stop of the Toyota Avalon on Cottman Avenue near Church Road. This vehicle is similar in appearance to the vehicle captured on the surveillance video parking near the burglary that had just occurred on Lukens Ave. in Abington Township. The operator and sole occupant of the vehicle was identified as Kyrell MCKOY Date of Birth March 16, 1996, from 1023 Fillmore Street Philadelphia Pa 19124. The officers observed a pair of white cloth gloves on the rear seat of the vehicle, which MCKOY stated he uses for work. Located inside the vehicle was a HP Elitebook laptop computer, model 840 G2, serial number McKoy indicated the laptop was not his. When police opened the laptop, Radian Guarantee Inc. was listed with a phone number. The officers called the number listed and found the computer was not registered to MCKOY and requested that police take possession of it. The laptop was later determined to be the same laptop stolen from Jericho Road burgiary on October 19, 2017. MCKOY indicated he was on his way home from work at UPS in Willow Grove at the time of the stop. The vehicle stop with MCKOY was in close proximity to the October 20, 2017 burglaries in Cheltenham Township. MCKOY was stopped

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traveling on a direct route away from where the above mentioned October 24, 2017 Abington burglaries were located and during the same time frame as the burglaries.

## October 27, 2017

On October 27, 2017 at 0200 hours, officers from Abington and Cheltenham Police Departments again followed McKoy in the 1998 Toyota Avalon leaving his place of employment and travel into Abington Township.

At approximately 0230 hours McKoy was seen traveling southbound on Old York Rd and then turn West onto Madeira Ave in the Jenkintown section of Abington Township, Montgomery County. McKoy then continued at a slow rate of speed as he turned south onto Runnymeade Ave. McKoy then pulled over and shut his vehicle off in the area of Maderia Ave and Runnymeade Ave. McKoy was observed by officers enter the property of Runnymeade Ave and go to the rear of that property, where surveillance officers briefly lost sight of him. A loud bang was heard by numerous officers who were on foot in the area and McKoy was seen running from the rear of the property back to his vehicle and drove away. Officers later determined that the loud bang that was heard was the sound of two Bilco style doors slamming back onto the concrete in the rear of the home. The Bilco doors were located directly under a first floor window and were unlocked at the time McKoy was in the rear of the property. McKoy was then seen traveling south on Runnymeade Ave and then turn east on Walnut St. McKoy then turned south on Washington Lane in Jenkintown Borough and then turned west on Wyncote Rd and parked at the intersection. McKoy was observed by officers enter the property at Washington Ln and approach the house. After leaving the home at Washington Ln., he then opened a gate and entered the property of Walnut St., walked around the house, which was in complete darkness, and then walked across the street. McKoy then walked behind the property of Washington Ln. McKoy then returned to his vehicle and traveled one block to Mather Rd in Jenkintown Borough. McKoy turned South on Mather Rd then parked and shut off the car. McKoy was then seen

entering the property at Mather Rd and walking to the rear of that property before returning to his car a short time later and leaving the area.

## November 2, 2017-

On November 1, 2017, at 2335 hours, detectives on surveillance observe MCKOY's Toyota Avalon leaving his place of employment in Horsham Township. At around midnight, the vehicle is observed driving to the area of Sharpless Rd. and Mountain Ave., a residential section of Cheltenham Township, Montgomery County, where officers observed that MCKOY was the operator and sole occupant of the vehicle. MCKOY went through two gates and entered the properties of and Mountain Ave., where he used the light from his cellular phone to look into windows of those homes. MCKOY left that area, and drove to the area of Cresco Ave. at Fuller St. in Philadelphia, where he parked and got out of his car on November 2, 2017 at around 0200 hours. Officers lost sight of McKOY for about 40 minutes, and were attempting to locate him. At around 0240 hours, the Toyota Avalon was observed leaving that area.

On November 2, 2017, the resident of Fuller St. in Philadelphia reported that sometime overnight, while she was sleeping upstairs, someone placed a chair below her dining room window, opened the unlocked window, and removed her purse from inside her home. Philadelphia Detectives believe that a rake was used to retrieve the purse from inside the home.

Also on November 2, 2017, the resident of Cresco Ave. In Philadelphia reported that sometime over the last two days, someone entered her unlocked back door and stole an iphone, an ipad and two laptop computers.

Both Fuller St. and Cresco Ave. are within % block of where MCKOY parked and got out of his vehicle and entered the neighborhood on foot.

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### November 6, 2017-

On November 6, 2017, at 0130 hours, Detective Rob Davis of the Abington Police Department and Detective Mike Davis of the Cheltenham Police Department observed that MCKOY's Toyota Avaion was parked on Lawndale Ave. near Faunce St. in Philadelphia. The Toyota was unoccupied, and detectives were unable to locate McKoy in the area at that time.

Later on November 6, Philadelphia Detectives advised your affiant that there were four residential burglaries overnight. Two of the burglaries and Faunce St. are within 100 feet of where MCKOY's Toyota was observed, and the other two, and and 5helmire were about a block and a half away from where MCKOY's vehicle was parked on Lawndale at Faunce St. The resident at Faunce St. reported that at 0045 hours, a black male fitting MCKOY's description, wearing a black hoodle with a wide white drawstring and black sneakers is captured on surveillance video trying to open her basement door. I had observed McKoy wearing a similar hooded sweatshirt on numerous occasions throughout this investigation The resident of Faunce St. reported that she has video of a person trying to open three windows on her home at 0055 hours while she was sleeping. The resident of Shelmire Ave. reported that overnight, someone climbed through an unlocked window and stole \$300 US currency. The resident from Shelmire Ave. reported that overnight while she was sleeping, someone entered her home through an unlocked rear door and stole two Macbook pro computers.

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### November 10, 2017-

On November 10, 2017 at approximately 0234 hours, officers from Abington and Cheltenham again followed McKoy in the 1998 Toyota Avalon as he left his place of employment in Horsham Township and traveled into Philadelphia.

At approximately 0245hrs officers from Abington, Cheltenham and Philadelphia Police Departments, observed McKoy's vehicle parked in the block of Palmetto St in Philadelphia. Officers found McKoy, who was wearing red pants, a two-tone hooded sweatshirt and a red Phillies baseball cap, come from the rear of the home at Palmetto Ave. and walk onto nearby Bleigh Ave. McKoy crossed Bleigh Ave and walk southbound on Palmetto St and stopped in front of Palmetto St. McKoy opened a gate that surrounded the property of Palmetto Ave and walked towards the rear of the property. After losing sight of McKoy for a brief time, officers observed McKoy exit this property and walk south on Palmetto St and enter his vehicle, which was parked in front of Palmetto St. Officers checked the rear of Palmetto St and found fresh foot prints on Bilco style doors directly beneath a rear window of this home. Officers later checked the surrounding properties, where McKoy had walked from and located a chair under a window on the side of Palmetto St and the exterior screen of the window screen had been pushed up. According to the homeowner the chair had been located on the front porch before he went to bed that night, and his screen was closed. Officers also spoke with the resident of Palmetto St. The homeowner reviewed their home security system and observed through a doorbell camera that McKoy had entered their rear yard through a large gated fence. McKoy left camera view towards the rear of the house before returning a short time later to the front yard. I could positively identify McKoy as the person in the Ring Doorbell video, based on the clothing that I saw him wearing just prior to being captured on the video.

McKoy then started his vehicle and drove a short distance and parked on the lower end of the block of Bingham St. Officers then observed McKoy enter a property on the lower east side of Bingham St. A short time later

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McKoy ran from this location, entered his car in a hurried manner and drove away with the vehicle's lights off. Officers conducted a check of the area and found a tall metal bar stool had been placed under a side window of Bingham St. The screen of this window had been pushed up and the interior window had also been pushed open. Two additional window screens, each within an arm's length of the opened window, had punctures in the screen caused by unknown means. Officers spoke with the homeowner and confirmed that the window had been closed before he went to bed. The homeowner also confirmed that the metal bar stool had been removed from a gated lounge area in the rear of the property and placed under the window.

Based on the above facts I request a warrant be issued for the arrest of Kyrell McKoy for the listed charges. McKoy will be charged with all incidents that occurred in Abington and Cheltenham Townships and the Borough of Jenkintown along with the incidents that occurred in the city of Philadelphia with the permission and cooperation of the Abington Police Department, the Cheltenham Police Department, the Jenkintown Police Department, the Philadelphia Police Department and the District Attorney's Offices of Montgomery County and the City of Philadelphia.

Sergeant S. Nisbet

Date

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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS

DAY OF November

The Honorable Judge

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