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PRESS RELEASE

GUILTY PLEAS:

(1)	David Beagell 1631 Spring Garden St. Easton, PA DOB: July 21, 1990 Guilty Plea: April 12, 2012	(2)	Zachary Flowers 740 N. Meadow St. Allentown, PA DOB: July 19, 1993 Guilty Plea: August 29, 2012
(3)	Alexis Flowers 740 N. Meadow St. Allentown, PA DOB: April 25, 1990 Guilty Plea: September 17, 2012		

On the above indicated dates, the named Defendants entered pleas of guilty before the Honorable Ann R. Bartlett, J.S.C. at the Warren County Courthouse. The specific charges to which each Defendant pleaded guilty related to the January 5, 2012 armed robbery of the BP Gas Station located at 742 South Main Street in Phillipsburg. The station attendant, Kismathdas Kasam suffered a gunshot wound during the commission of the robbery and died during his hospitalization.

During their pleas of guilty, each of the above Defendants admitted their involvement in conspiracy to rob the BP Gas Station and to varying levels of actual participation in the preparation for and actual commission of the robbery. The specific charge to which each Defendant pleaded guilty and the sentence recommendation of the Warren County Prosecutor's Office for each Defendant is as follows:

- David Beagell: Guilty plea to Conspiracy, a 2nd degree criminal offense and to Armed Robbery, a 1st degree criminal offense. Recommended sentence of 12 years in New Jersey State Prison for Armed Robbery to run concurrently with Conspiracy sentence.
- Zachary Flowers: Guilty plea to Conspiracy, a 2nd degree criminal offense, to Armed Robbery, a 1st degree criminal offense and to Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose, a 3rd degree criminal offense. Recommended sentence of 17 years in New Jersey State Prison for Armed Robbery to run concurrently with Conspiracy and weapon sentences.

- Alexis Flowers: Guilty plea to Conspiracy, a 2nd degree criminal offense and to Armed Robbery, a 1st degree criminal offense. Recommended sentence of 16 years in New Jersey State Prison for Armed Robbery to run concurrently with Conspiracy sentence.

Each Defendant must serve 85% of the sentence imposed followed by a 5 year period of parole supervision for the 1st degree crime pursuant to the *No Early Release Act*. The recommended sentence further calls for each of the Defendants to pay restitution and have no contact with any victim or victim's surviving family member. Each of the Defendants entered into a cooperation agreement with the State of New Jersey wherein they agreed to testify truthfully at the trial of any co-defendant. Each of the Defendants remains in custody pending sentencing.

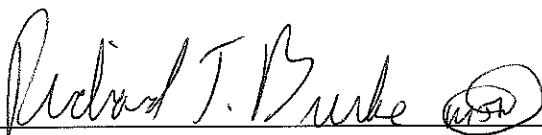
The remaining Defendant charged with offenses related to the BP robbery is:

Andy Ruben Torres
121 North Penn Street
Allentown, PA
DOB: February 25, 1989

Torres is charged with Murder, Felony Murder, Conspiracy, Armed Robbery, Possession of a Firearm for an Unlawful Purpose and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm. Torres remains in custody pending presentation of his case to the Warren County Grand Jury after his rejection of a plea offer that required a plea of guilty to charges including, but not limited to, Felony Murder. Be advised that the charges against Torres are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent of all charges unless and until proven guilty.

The case was investigated by the Phillipsburg Police Department and the Warren County Prosecutor's Office. The State is represented by Assistant Prosecutor Donald F. Cox, Jr. David Beagell is represented by Scott M. Wilhelm, Esq. Zachary Flowers is represented by Bruce C. Farrier, Esq. Alexis Flowers is represented by Mark L. Francis, Esq. Andy Ruben Torres is represented by Michael A. Priarone, Esq.

APPROVED BY:


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DATED: September 19, 2012