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PRESS RELEASE

Verdict: State v. Zachary Flowers  
Formerly of: 740 North Meadow Street  
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D.O.B.: 7/19/93

Today, November 29, 2017 a Warren County Jury convicted Zachary Flowers of one count of Felony Murder, a crime of the First Degree, one count of Armed Robbery, a crime of the First Degree, one count of Conspiracy to Commit Robbery, a crime of the Second Degree, one count of Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose, a crime of the Second Degree, and one count of Possession of a Weapon (shotgun), a crime of the Third Degree. The jury acquitted Zachary Flowers of one count of Unlawful Possession of a Weapon (BB gun), a crime of the Third Degree. The trial was presided over by the Hon. H. Matthew Curry, J.S.C. The State was represented by First Assistant Prosecutor Michael McDonald, and the defendant was represented by Robert Klingenburg, Esq.

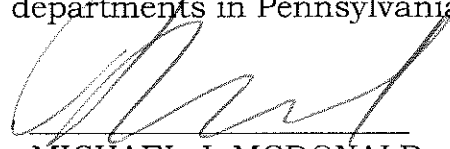
The charges were the result of an incident that occurred on January 5, 2012, in the town of Phillipsburg, Warren County, New Jersey. On that date, Phillipsburg Police Department and EMS personnel responded to the BP Gas Station located on South Main Street in Phillipsburg, after receiving calls regarding a gunshot and a gentleman being shot. The victim, Kismathdas Kasam, was the gas station attendant, and he had received a gunshot wound to his right leg. Mr. Kasam subsequently passed away several days later at St. Luke's Bethlehem Hospital in Pennsylvania. Investigation further revealed that Mr. Kasam had been the subject of a robbery. In addition to Zachary Flowers, three (3) other individuals were identified as having participated in the robbery of the BP Gas Station and the death of the victim: Andy Torres, Alexis Flowers and David Beagell.

As to the crime of Felony Murder, the defendant faces a sentence of 30 years to life in New Jersey State Prison, subject to the No Early Release Act (NERA) requiring him to serve 85% of his sentence before being eligible for parole. As to the crime of Armed Robbery, the defendant faces a sentence of between 10-20 years in New Jersey State Prison, subject to NERA. As to the crime of Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose, the defendant faces a sentence of between 5-10 years in New Jersey State Prison, where pursuant to the Graves Act the minimum sentence the defendant can receive is 5 years New Jersey State Prison, of which three (3) years must be served before he is eligible for parole. As to the crime of Conspiracy to Commit Robbery, the

defendant faces a sentence between 5-10 years in New Jersey State Prison. Finally, as to the crime of Unlawful Possession of a Weapon (shotgun), the defendant faces a sentence between 3-5 years in New Jersey State Prison.

The investigation was a cooperative effort between the Phillipsburg Police Department, the Warren County Prosecutor's Office, as well as members of the Washington Township Police Department, the Pennsylvania State Police, Belfast Barracks, and the Allentown and Easton police departments in Pennsylvania.

Approved by:



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Date: November 29, 2017