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HOMICIDE SUSPECT ARRESTED BY U.S. MARSHALS FUGITIVE TASK FORCE IN JOHNSTOWN

HARRISBURG, Pennsylvania – A U.S. Marshals Service fugitive task force today arrested a Harrisburg homicide suspect in Johnstown.

Derrick Butler, 30, was wanted by the Harrisburg Bureau of Police on a November 25 warrant, charging him with criminal homicide and possession of firearm prohibited. Butler allegedly shot his victim multiple times at a Harrisburg residence. A previous conviction from an aggravated assault case in 2015 prohibits him from possessing a firearm. U.S. Marshals in Harrisburg began looking for Butler and developed information he had fled the area. Investigative leads were sent to U.S. Marshals offices in Philadelphia and Johnstown to assist in locating Butler.

U.S. Marshals in Johnstown, along with their task force partners, located Butler and arrested him without incident at a residence on Solomon Street. Butler was turned over to local authorities pending judicial proceedings.

“Along with our law enforcement partners, it’s the Marshals Service’s duty to ensure those charged with serious crimes are captured and have their day in court,” U.S. Marshal for the Middle District of Pennsylvania Martin Pane said. “Our communities in the Middle District of Pennsylvania will not be a safe haven for fugitives charged with such heinous crimes. It is my sincere hope that the victim’s family will find some measure of comfort knowing the suspect in this case will face justice.”

The USMS worked jointly in this investigation with officers from the Harrisburg Bureau of Police, Pennsylvania State Police and task force partners from the Western District of Pennsylvania and Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

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