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MEDIA RELEASE

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Homicide investigation
SC1900914 and SC1900916

UPDATE

On January 24, 2019 at approximately 10:14 p.m. the State College Police Department responded to a shooting at P.J. Harrigan's bar located at 1450 South Atherton Street. This is an update to the press release issued on January 25th.
<https://www.statecollegepa.us/DocumentCenter/View/20128/19SC00914-Homicide-Press-Release>

Further investigation of this incident has yielded the following information:

Just prior to the shooting, Suspect Jordan Witmer got up from his bar seat and walked downstairs to use the restroom. When Witmer returned to the bar he was met by Nicole Abrino, whom he had been in the bar with, as they were about to leave the establishment. Witnesses' accounts vary in certain details, but it is believed that Witmer initially shot Abrino as he was standing next to her at the bar. Witmer then fatally shot Dean Beachy and then Steven Beachy. Three other people who were in the bar at that time of the shooting either fled the scene or hid. Steven Beachy died the next day as a result of his injuries.

There is no evidence to support that an argument had transpired between Witmer and Abrino as well as no evidence to suggest that Dean or Steven Beachy were involved with any type of dispute with Witmer and Abrino. Witmer immediately fled the bar, shooting a decorative mannequin on the way out.

Regarding the shooting of George McCormick at 748 Tussey Lane, further investigation confirmed that there was no relationship between the McCormick's and Witmer. It is still believed that Witmer randomly chose their house after he crashed his vehicle nearby.

Nicole Abrino has survived her injuries.

The result of a toxicology screen showed that Jordan Witmer's blood alcohol content was .223 % and there were no other drugs in his system. Below is a timeline for the incident. This concludes the police investigation into this homicide.

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