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Former Boyfriend Charged With Murder In Palmyra Fatal Shooting

Burlington County Prosecutor Scott Coffina and Palmyra Police Chief Meghan Campbell announced that a former boyfriend has charged with killing a 28-year-old woman who was found fatally shot last week in the parking lot of a self-service car wash in the first block of Filmore Street in Palmyra.

Antonio Burke, 32, of the 2000 block of Harbor Drive in Palmyra, was charged with Murder (First Degree), Possession of a Handgun for an Unlawful Purpose (Second Degree), Unlawful Possession of a Weapon (Second Degree) and Endangering an Injured Victim (Third Degree).

Burke was taken into custody early this morning following a traffic stop in Dallas, Texas, where he will face a court appearance tomorrow. The criminal complaint against him was signed last week.

The investigation began after officers from the Palmyra Police Department were called to the Hot Wet & Wax establishment at approximately 10:45 p.m. on April 18 for a report of an unconscious female who was bleeding.

Upon arrival, they discovered the body of Alicia Stilley of Cinnaminson on the ground near her vehicle. An autopsy performed by Burlington County Medical Examiner Dr. Ian Hood concluded that Stilley died from a gunshot wound to the thorax.

The motive for the shooting continues to be investigated.

The investigation is being conducted by the Prosecutor's Office and the Palmyra Police Department. The lead investigators are BCPO Detectives Jenn Marchese and Melyssa Alonso, and Palmyra Detective Shawn Benedict. Assistance in the search for Burke was provided by the Burlington County Sheriff's Department Warrant Unit.

Burke will be prosecuted by Assistant Prosecutor Michael Angermeier, supervisor of the BCPO Gang, Gun and Narcotics Task Force (GGNTF).