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Arrest Made in Millington, MD Homicide

Brian Sykes Arrested for Stepfather's Death

(Queen Anne's County, Maryland) On October 11th, at approximately 6:17 PM, deputies from the Queen Anne's County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to a residence on Pfalzgroff Road in Millington, MD, for a report of a medical emergency. Upon arrival, deputies discovered that 67-year-old David Teat of Millington had been involved in a serious altercation, which ultimately led to his death.

Through diligent investigative efforts, including interviews with witnesses and family members, the suspect in this case was identified as Brian Sykes, 48, of Millington, MD, the victim's stepson. Investigators quickly determined that Sykes had fled and was no longer in the area. The victim's vehicle was also missing. A stolen vehicle alert and a person of interest alert were issued for the victim's vehicle and Sykes. Law enforcement agencies in surrounding states were notified, and a regional search was initiated.

On October 13th, at approximately 11:14pm, Sykes was located during a traffic stop in North Philadelphia when a felony alert came back on the vehicle's tags. Sykes attempted to flee, striking multiple vehicles in the process, before being apprehended. Minor injuries were sustained as a result of these collisions. Sykes was held on multiple charges related to the incident in Philadelphia. The Queen Anne's County Office of the Sheriff sought and obtained an arrest warrant that Sykes will be extradited on the following charges:

- Murder, First Degree
- Murder, Second Degree
- Assault, First Degree
- Assault, Second Degree
- Armed Robbery
- Robbery
- Theft: \$1,500 to under \$25,000

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Sheriff Gary Hofmann added "Our office is grateful for the critical support we received from law enforcement agencies in Delaware and Pennsylvania in the apprehension of this suspect. We are grateful that Brian Sykes will now face the judicial process. This is an important step towards justice for the victim and their family."

The investigation remains active. Anyone with additional information is encouraged to contact DFC Sullivan at the Queen Anne's County Office of the Sheriff at 410-758-0770 ext. 1225, or via email at <u>dsullivan@qac.org</u> The Anonymous Tip Line is also available 24/7 at 410-758-6666.

As with all legal proceedings, it is important to remember that all subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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