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FREEMANSBURG SHOOTING ARREST

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Northampton County District Attorney Stephen G. Baratta announces an Attempted Homicide charge against Paul R. Williams, age 61, of Dresher, Pennsylvania, in connection with a shooting in the late afternoon of Friday, August 28, 2026, in Freemansburg Borough.

Shortly after 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 28, 2026, Freemansburg Borough Police Department was dispatched to 431 Clearfield Street on a report of shots fired. The dispatch included a description of the shooter. On arrival, police encountered the adult male victim suffering a gunshot wound to the wrist area. The adult male victim was first treated on scene and then transported to St. Luke's Hospital Anderson Campus for treatment of the gunshot wound. The adult male victim is recovering from the gunshot wound injury.

Police investigation on scene disclosed that multiple gunshots were fired at the adult male victim. Specifically, police investigation indicated that up to nine gunshots were fired. One of the gunshots struck the adult male victim.

As the investigation proceeded, police obtained and reviewed surveillance footage, and police were able to identify the shooter. Review of surveillance disclosed that the shooter was in the area of the shooting several hours before the shooting. Police review of surveillance also revealed the description of a silver vehicle connected to the shooter. Ultimately, police secured positive identification of the shooter as Paul R. Williams.

Police thereafter filed a Criminal Complaint and obtained a warrant of arrest for Williams. In the early morning hours of August 31, 2026, Williams

was taken into custody by police at his home in Dresher, Pennsylvania. Williams was preliminarily arraigned before a Magisterial District Judge on the charges of Attempted Homicide, Aggravated Assault, and related lesser charges. Bail was set at $1,000,000 and Williams was committed to Northampton County Prison, unable to post bail.

The investigation is being handled by the Freemansburg Borough Police Department. From the outset, the Freemansburg Borough Police Department received vital assistance from the City of Bethlehem Police Department and Bethlehem Township Police Department. The Pennsylvania State Police assisted by processing the crime scene. The Montgomery County Emergency Response Team assisted with the arrest of Williams at his home. Upper Dublin Police Department assisted with additional investigation, including a search of the Dresher home and vehicle. The Office of the District Attorney provided ongoing assistance from the outset of the investigation.

As in every criminal case, the fact that an arrest has occurred and that a complaint has been filed represents merely an accusation, and any person arrested and charged is presumed innocent.

All further inquiries should be directed to the Northampton County Office of the District Attorney.

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