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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

September 6, 2018

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First Assistant District Attorney Roy A. Keefer announced today that Deborah Ann Stephens, York Springs, has been charged with Criminal Homicide for the killing of her husband, James Eugene Stephens, Jr., on September 5, 2018. Trooper Richard Kline charged Ms. Stephens with one count of Criminal Homicide for the death of Mr. Stephens in York Springs, Adams County. **See attached Criminal Complaint and Affidavit of Probable Cause.**

Stephens will be arraigned by Magisterial District Judge Mark Beauchat and committed to the Adams County Adult Correctional Complex without bail. A preliminary hearing will be scheduled for September 12, 2018.

Keefer thanked the members of the Pennsylvania State Police and Adams County Coroner's Office for their diligence in the response and investigation of this matter. However, Keefer did indicate that this investigation is still ongoing. Anyone with information regarding this investigation is encouraged to contact the Pennsylvania State Police at (717)337-8111.

In this case, as with all criminal cases, the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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**POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
VS.

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**  
COUNTY OF: **ADAMS**

Magisterial District Number: **51-3-03**  
MDJ Name: Hon. **TONY J. LITTLE**  
Address: **40 CHURCH RD.**  
**EAST BERLIN, PA. 17316**

Telephone: **717-337-5770**

**DEFENDANT:** (NAME and ADDRESS):  
**DEBORAH ANN STEPHENS**

First Name: **DEBORAH** Middle Name: **ANN** Last Name: **STEPHENS** Gen.  
**205 MIDDLE ST.**  
**PO BOX 265**  
**YORK SPRINGS, PA. 17372**

**NCIC EXTRADITION CODE TYPE**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-Felony Full	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-Felony Pend.	<input type="checkbox"/> C-Misdemeanor Surrounding States	Distance:
<input type="checkbox"/> 2-Felony Ltd.	<input type="checkbox"/> 6-Felony Pend. Extradition Determ.	<input type="checkbox"/> D-Misdemeanor No Extradition	
<input type="checkbox"/> 3-Felony Surrounding States	<input type="checkbox"/> A-Misdemeanor Full	<input type="checkbox"/> E-Misdemeanor Pending	
<input type="checkbox"/> 4-Felony No Exl.	<input type="checkbox"/> B-Misdemeanor Limited	<input type="checkbox"/> F-Misdemeanor Pending Extradition Determ.	

**DEFENDANT IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION**

Docket Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Filed: **//** OTN/LiveScan Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Complaint/Incident Number: **PA2018-1031310** Request Lab Services?  YES  NO

GENDER:  Male  Female  
DOB: **10/12/54** POB: **PA** Add'l DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Defendant(s):

AKA: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gen.:

RACE:  White  Asian  Black  Native American  Unknown

ETHNICITY:  Hispanic  Non-Hispanic  Unknown

HAIR COLOR:  GRY (Gray)  RED (Red / Auburn.)  SDY (Sandy)  BLU (Blue)  PLE (Purple)  BRO (Brown)  
 BLK (Black)  ONG (Orange)  WHI (White)  XXX (Unk. / Bald)  GRN (Green)  PNK (Pink)  
 BLN (Blonde / Strawberry)

EYE COLOR:  BLK (Black)  BLU (Blue)  BRO (Brown)  GRN (Green)  GRY (Gray)  
 HAZ (Hazel)  MAR (Maroon)  PNK (Pink)  MUL (Multicolored)  XXX (Unknown)

DNA:  YES  NO DNA Location: \_\_\_\_\_ WEIGHT (lbs.): **160**

FBI Number: \_\_\_\_\_ MNU Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Ft. HEIGHT in.:

Defendant Fingerprinted:  YES  NO **5** **8**

Fingerprint Classification: \_\_\_\_\_

**DEFENDANT VEHICLE INFORMATION**

Plate #	State	Hazmat	Registration Sticker (MM/YY)	Comm'l Veh. Ind.	School Veh.	Oth. NCIC Veh. Code	Reg. same as Def.
		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
VIN	Year	Make	Model	Style	Color		

Office of the Attorney for the Commonwealth  Approved  Disapproved because: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(The attorney for the Commonwealth may require that the complaint, arrest warrant affidavit, or both be approved by the attorney for the Commonwealth prior to filing. Pa.R.Crim.P.507.)*

(Name of Attorney for Commonwealth - Please Print or Type) \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature of Attorney for Commonwealth) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

**I, TPR. RICHARD KLINE** (Name of Affiant - Please Print or Type) **00410499/10892** (PSPAP/POETC - Assigned Affiant ID Number & Badge #)

of the **Pennsylvania State Police, Troop H, Gettysburg** (Identify Department or Agency Represented and Political Subdivision) **PAPSP3100** (Police Agency ORI Number)

do hereby state: (check appropriate box)  
1.  I accuse the above named defendant who lives at the address set forth above  
 I accuse the defendant whose name is unknown to me but who is described as \_\_\_\_\_  
 I accuse the defendant whose name and popular designation or nickname is unknown to me and whom I have therefore designated as John Doe or Jane Doe.  
with violating the penal laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at: \_\_\_\_\_ (Subdivision Code) \_\_\_\_\_ (Place-Political Subdivision)

in **ADAMS** County **01** (County Code) on or about **SEPTEMBER 05, 2018** (Offense Date)



# POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

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Defendant Name	First: DEBORAH	Middle: ANN	Last: STEPHENS

The acts committed by the accused are described below with each Act of Assembly or statute allegedly violated, if appropriate. When there is more than one offense, each offense should be numbered chronologically.

(Set forth a *brief* summary of the facts sufficient to advise the defendant of the nature of the offense(s) charged. A citation to the statute(s) allegedly violated, without more, is not sufficient. In a summary case, you must cite the specific section(s) and subsection(s) of the statute(s) or ordinance(s) allegedly violated.

Inchoate Offense	<input type="checkbox"/> Attempt 18 901 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation 18 902 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Conspiracy 18 903
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Number of Victims Age 60 or Older: 1
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lead?	1	2501	(a)	of the	Title 18 , PA Crimes Code	1	F1	01A/09A	
	Offense #	Section	Subsection		PA Statute (Title)	Counts	Grade	NCIC Offense Code	UCR/NIBRS Code

PennDOT Data (if applicable)	Accident Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone
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Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance):  
**Criminal Homicide**

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:  
IN THAT, on or about said date, THE DEFENDANT did intentionally, knowingly, recklessly or negligently cause the death of another human being by criminal homicide (murder, voluntary manslaughter, or involuntary manslaughter).



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Defendant Name	First: DEBORAH	Middle: ANN	Last: STEPHENS

2. I ask that a warrant of arrest or a summons be issued and that the defendant be required to answer the charges I have made.
3. I verify that the facts set forth in this complaint are true and correct to the best of my knowledge or information and belief. This verification is made subject to the penalties of Section 4904 of the Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S.§4904) relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.
4. This complaint consists of the preceding page(s) numbered 1 through 5
5. I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the *Case Records Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania* that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

The acts committed by the accused, as listed and hereafter, were against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and were contrary to the Act(s) of the Assembly, or in violation of the statutes cited.

**(Before a warrant of arrest can be issued, an affidavit of probable cause must be completed, sworn to before the issuing authority, and attached.)**

SEPTEMBER 6, 2018  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Affiant)

AND NOW, on this date, \_\_\_\_\_ I certify that the complaint has been properly completed and verified. An affidavit of probable cause must be completed before a warrant can be issued.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Magisterial District Court Number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Issuing Authority)



Lab user fee applies.



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Defendant Name:	First: Deborah	Middle: Ann	Last: STEPHENS

## AFFIDAVIT of PROBABLE CAUSE

Your Affiant, Tpr. Richard KLINE, is employed by the Commonwealth of PA as a Pennsylvania State Trooper. Your affiant has been employed as a PA State Trooper for the past 10 years. Your affiant is currently assigned to the Criminal Investigation Unit at Troop H, Gettysburg barracks.

On 09/06/18 at approximately 0646 hours, James Eugene STEPHENS(the deceased) and Deborah Ann STEPHENS' son, James Eugene STEPHENS III, contacted the barracks. He initially asked if either of his parents had been arrested. He advised his parents have been having marital problems and have argued in the past. He stated that he had been trying to contact his parents since 1400 hours. on 09/05/18 both through text and telephone calls.

On 09/06/18 James STEPHENS III(the deceased's son) went to work and advised his mother, Deborah works at the same business. His mother never showed up for work at 0600 hrs. The son decided to go to the home to check on his parents. When he arrived the home was locked, he knocked several times on the door however his mother, Deborah Ann STEPHENS, was reluctant to answer the door. Eventually his mother "peeked out the door" but did not open the door. She asked her son why he came to the house. She would not let him inside rather, told him to call the police. She replied that " I hit your father with a baseball bat and he is dead." The son also related that Deborah STEPHENS told him she did this last night at about 6PM. The son immediately contacted 911 to report what occurred.

On 09/06/18 at approximately 0650 hours, Tpr. Clay FORCEY and Tpr. Christopher PASQUALE were dispatched to investigate the report of a death at 205 Middle St., York Springs Borough, Adams County. Upon their arrival, one of the homeowners, Deborah Ann STEPHENS exited the home. Tpr. PASQUALE asked Deborah STEPHENS what was going on at the house. Deborah STEPHENS replied she "killed her husband with a baseball bat." Tpr. PASQUALE and Tpr. FORCEY confirmed James Eugene STEPHENS was deceased. They exited the home and secured the crime scene. Tpr. PASQUALE related that when they viewed the deceased's body they observed several bruises consistent with being struck with a baseball bat.

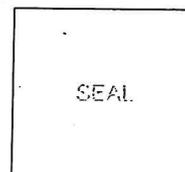
I, TPR. RICHARD KLINE, BEING DULY SWORN ACCORDING TO THE LAW, DEPOSE AND SAY THAT THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE FOREGOING AFFIDAVIT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF.

I CERTIFY THAT THIS FILING COMPLIES WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CASE RECORDS PUBLIC ACCESS POLICY OF THE UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM OF PENNSYLVANIA THAT REQUIRE FILING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS DIFFERENTLY THAN NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Affiant)

Sworn to me and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, Date \_\_\_\_\_, Magisterial District Judge

My commission expires first Monday of January,





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AFFIDAVIT CONTINUATION PAGE**

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<b>Defendant Name:</b>	<b>First:</b> Deborah	<b>Middle:</b> Ann	<b>Last:</b> STEPHENS

**AFFIDAVIT of PROBABLE CAUSE CONTINUATION**

Deborah STEPHENS was then transported to Gettysburg hospital for an examination. Tpr. Scott DENISCH remained at the the hospital with Deborah STEPHENS. He advised that other than a reported self-inflicted wound to both her wrists he did not see any injuries on her body. Tpr. DENISCH reported observing what appeared to be blood spatter on Deborah STEPHENS' shoes.

On 09/06/18, your affiant queried PSP records and confirmed State Police recently responded to the STEPHENS' residence in order to investigate two domestic violence incidents. These incidents occurred on 08/21/18 and 08/28/18. Regarding the domestic violence incident on 08/21/18, Deborah STEPHENS hit the deceased with a television remote.

Your affiant requests that an arrest warrant be issued and that the def. be required to appear and answer the charges that have been made.

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(Signature of Affiant)