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**DEFENDANTS HARRIGAN AND WILLIAMS ACCEPT PLEA IN THEIR
CENTER CITY ATTACK CASE, KNOTT'S CASE TO PROCEED TO COURT**

Commonwealth and defendants worked together to create agreement with hopes of raising awareness about LGBTQ tolerance and understanding

PHILADELPHIA (Oct. 15, 2015) – The Philadelphia District Attorney's Office today announced that defendants Kevin Harrigan and Phillip Williams have accepted the terms of a plea agreement presented to them by the office after being charged with attacking a gay couple at 16th and Chancellor Sts. in Center City Philadelphia on Sept. 11, 2014. Defendant Kathryn Knott, who was also charged in the same incident, has chosen to take her case to trial.

Defendant Harrigan pled guilty to one charge of Simple Assault and one charge of Conspiracy. He was sentenced to three years of reporting probation and must pay \$314 in restitution. Defendant Williams pled guilty to one charge of Aggravated Assault and one charge of Conspiracy. He was sentenced to five years of reporting probation and must pay \$628 in restitution. Harrigan and Williams also agreed to perform 200 hours of community service at an LGBTQ organization/cause and not go into Center City Philadelphia for the duration of their probation.

"Today's agreement is certainly about justice, but it is also about honoring the wishes of the victims to make sure they can continue to heal and gain closure," said Philadelphia District Attorney Seth Williams. "Defendants Harrigan and Williams have accepted their agreement, one that honors the wishes of the victims of this case, and defendant Knott has chosen to proceed to trial. I hope that all of us can learn and grow from this horrible incident and be inspired by these two courageous victims, the solidarity of the LGBTQ community and their thousands of supporters and advocates."

Defendant Knott's trial date has not yet been selected. She is being charged with two charges of Aggravated Assault, two charges of Simple Assault, two charges of Recklessly Endangering Another Person and Conspiracy. Assistant District Attorney Mike Barry is overseeing the prosecution of the case.

The Philadelphia District Attorney's Office is the largest prosecutor's office in Pennsylvania, and one of the largest in the nation. It serves the more than 1.5 million citizens of the City and County of Philadelphia, employing 600 lawyers, detectives and support staff. It is organized into seven divisions: Executive/Administration, Trials, Pre-Trial, Investigations, Juvenile, Law, and Special Operations. The District Attorney's Office is responsible for prosecution of over 75,000 criminal cases annually. The main office of the Philadelphia District Attorney is located in Center City Philadelphia at The Widener Building, Three South Penn Square. The Juvenile Court and Child Support Unit are located at 1501 Arch Street, and the Private Criminal Complaint Unit is located at 1425 Arch Street. Additionally, the Charging Unit is staffed around the clock in The Widener Building.

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