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**March 22, 2024**

**Homicide Investigation**  
**Love's Travel Stop**  
**3700 Mountain Rd**  
**Upper Bern Township Berks County**

**Suspect – male in custody**

**Victim – James Alexander Hilton 40 YOA South Hampton NJ**

This incident occurred in the back parking area of the Love's Travel Stop on March 22, 2024 at 2:48 AM. The victim was helping a fellow driver park his truck in the lot. There was an argument between the victim and suspect. This led to the suspect shooting the victim. The victim was pronounced deceased at the scene by the Berks County Coroner's office at 5:12 AM. The suspect fled the parking lot after the shooting.

After the shooting PSP Hamburg notified PSP Fogelsville of the description of the suspect's truck. The truck was located by a PSP Fogelsville patrol unit who was canvassing the area for the suspect's truck. The truck was located at the exit 45 ramp (Lehigh County) of I 78 westbound. The truck was followed westbound on I 78 where a traffic stop was initiated on the westbound exit ramp to exit 40 of I 78 westbound. That is where the suspect was taken into custody at 3:31 AM.

\*\*\*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\*\*\*

On 03/22/2024, an arrest warrant was obtained and served on Travis Jerrell PUGH of Jacksonville, Florida. The arrest warrant is for Murder 1<sup>st</sup> degree, Murder 3<sup>rd</sup> degree, Possession of a Firearm without a permit, Aggravated Assault, Simple Assault, Recklessly Endangering Another Person (2 counts), Tampering with Evidence, Disorderly Conduct and Harassment. The charges were filed with District Court 23-3-07.

PUGH is currently incarcerated at the Berks County Prison.

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