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**COMPUTER SOFTWARE PROVES INVALUABLE
TO INVESTIGATORS WHO FIND LINKS TO CRIMES, DISTRICT ATTORNEY SAYS**

Computer software from CODY Systems, which allows police departments to collect, analyze and share data, has helped to solve a robbery and has provided information that could lead to arrests in other cases, said Lehigh County District Attorney James B. Martin.

“CTac software from CODY is allowing police officers to search data more efficiently and to make connections to crimes in different municipalities that were possible previously but were extremely time consuming and labor intensive,” Martin said.

He cited a recent case in which a juvenile and adult were charged in a robbery involving a victim who intended to buy two iPhones that had been advertised on Craig’s List.

On Dec. 17, 2012, in South Whitehall Township, the victim and two friends met individuals who said they would sell two iPhones. An adult, Forrest Touchberry, 18, allegedly pulled a knife on the victim, who ran from the defendant and a juvenile, and threw \$600 on the ground. Touchberry pursued the victim, but did not get the money, according to police, because one of the victim’s friends picked it up.

Touchberry was charged with robbery, attempted theft and conspiracy and is in Lehigh

County Prison. The 17-year-old juvenile was charged with conspiracy, was adjudicated delinquent and was sent to a youth forestry camp.

Martin said that during the investigation, a South Whitehall police officer used CTac to search for the cell phone number placed in the advertisement on Craig's List. The information obtained led to a search warrant to confirm the ownership of the phone and a warrant to search a residence, Martin said. Police found numerous items that were suspected to be stolen.

Police seized a cell phone, which was taken for analysis to the David M. Petzold Digital Forensics Laboratory on the campus of DeSales University. Detectives analyzed the phone, which was traced to the juvenile, and uncovered a video that showed a burglary occurring.

Police were able to link the video to a burglary in Upper Macungie Township in August 2012, Martin said.

"This case illustrates the importance of analysis of cell phone data and how beneficial CTac software is as a law enforcement tool," Martin said. "The information police obtain is priceless in solving crimes."

Martin said the investigation is continuing.

As in every criminal case, the fact that an arrest has occurred or a complaint has been filed is merely an accusation; and the defendant, Forrest Touchberry, is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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