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WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY



ABOVE: Barbernado's Barbershop in Camden hosts its 10th annual back to school supply and haircut giveaway event. BELOW: Victoria and Jorge Maldonado, owners of the barbershop, welcome community members for the event. PHOTOS BY KAITLYN MCCORMICK/THE COURIER-POST

School supplies & free haircuts

Camden barbershop gives services to kids

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CAMDEN - Inside Barbernado's Barbershop on Aug. 20, the sounds of clippers and chatting mixed with beats from an on-site DJ.

Kids ages 5 through 12 were prepped for the back-to-school with free haircuts and school supplies.

This marked the 10th vear that the business has hosted members of the lo-

cal community to make sure kids are able to look and feel their best before they hit the classroom

"I think it's very necessary," Barbernado's owner Jorge Maldonado said about things such as hair-



cuts in preparation to send kids back to school.

"One thing leads to the next, and a kid that looks good feels good and is able to then do better for themselves, even in school," he added, standing outside of the business, matching the rest of the barbershop's staff in a colorful Tcelebrating event.

Guests at the shop

were able to pick up colorful backpacks, notebooks, pencils and other supplies while waiting for their haircuts.

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Acevedo silent at sentencing for murder

Camden man killed McGrath in October '23

Jim Walsh

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In anguished remarks at a court hearing, a Haddon Township father recalled his slain daughter as "a vibrant, loving soul whose life was stolen in the most brutal way."

Colin McGrath and other family members spoke at the Aug. 21 sentencing of Carlos Acevedo, a Camden man who killed 26-year-old Cathleen McGrath in October 2023.

'She was subjected to extreme violence, beheaded and her remains were callously discarded, wrapped in trash bags and duct tape," the father said of his daughter, who was last seen on surveillance video entering Acevedo's rundown home in Whitman Park.

Cathleen McGrath's body was found beneath an overpass more than two weeks later, ending a desperate search by her family.

"Her head remains missing, denying the dignity of a complete burial," her father said.

The victim's brother, also named Colin McGrath, acknowledged that his

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Lizann McGrath, whose 26-year-old daughter Cathleen was slain in October 2023, speaks at the sentencing of the young woman's killer, Carlos Acevedo of Camden. Standing with her is Michael Green, a victim advocate from the Camden County's Prosecutor's Office.

JIM WALSH/COURIER-POST

Morris family to get nearly \$100K in police lawsuit

Jim Walsh

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Burlington Township is paying \$97,500 to resolve a lawsuit brought by a family alleging civil rights violations by police officers in their home.

The suit contended that officers harassed four members of the Morris family during a search at their Marter Avenue residence in December 2020.

Among other claims, it said police falsely accused the residents of wrongdoing, subjected them to racial profiling, and said they didn't earn enough money to afford their home and vehicles.

Police also improperly searched and seized the family members' possessions, the suit said.

The suit, filed by homeowner Sylvia Morris and three relatives, said that police had a search warrant related to a fifth family member who wasn't present. It contended that the officers' actions "went far beyond" the intent of the warrant.

Both sides agreed that no criminal charges were filed against the plaintiffs as a result of the search.

Burlington Township "expressly" denies all of the suit's claims, officials said in an Aug. 12 release. Attorneys for the family and the township could not be reached for comment.

The suit, filed in December 2022, in-

cluded the township, its police department and several officers as defendants. The township's payment is to include the family's claims for attorney's fees and costs.

Neither the suit nor the Aug. 12 release agreement specifies the relationship between the four plaintiffs.

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