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DA Sunday: Fliers Circulated Around York County Vile and Disgusting

York, PA – Last month, fliers promoting the Ku Klux Klan were distributed in various locations around York County, including in Dover, West Manchester, York City, and Red Lion. After an investigation led by the Northern York County Regional Police Department, I have concluded that no criminal charges will be filed against the perpetrator of these vile and disgusting fliers.

The First Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees to all of us the Freedom of Speech and the Freedom of Assembly. Hateful speech, as represented by these fliers, can only be criminally prosecuted if it is directed at producing and likely to incite imminent lawless action.

As Justice Brandeis and Justice Holmes wrote almost a century ago, the solution to such hate speech is not to suppress these perverted viewpoints, but for citizens to debate freely in the marketplace of ideas.

Although we will not be pursuing criminal charges, we do not condone such hateful messages. We stand committed to the pursuit of justice and working for a better York County.