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Five Individuals Indicted for the Murder of Amber Dudley

A seven-count indictment was returned last week charging five individuals with the November 2016 murder of 27-year-old Amber Dudley, Acting Mercer County Prosecutor Doris M. Galuchie reported.

Ronderrick Manuel, age 43, was indicted on two counts of first-degree murder, one count of first-degree felony murder, one count of first-degree robbery, two counts of second-degree possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and one count of second-degree unlawful possession of a weapon.

Andrew Alston, age 39, **Kasey DeZolt**, age 32, **Dominique Richter**, age 31, and **Douglas Mathis** were each indicted on one count of first-degree felony murder, one count of first-degree robbery, two counts of second-degree possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and one count of second-degree unlawful possession of a weapon.

Charges were filed against the fifth defendant, Douglas Mathis, age 52, of Trenton, NJ, on April 10. He was served his complaints while incarcerated in Camden County on unrelated charges.

Dudley, 27, was a passenger in a vehicle operating under a rideshare service that was lured to Trenton on November 30, 2016. Investigation has revealed that when the vehicle was in the area of Mechanics and East Trenton avenues shortly after 7 p.m., a man identified as Manuel got inside attempting to rob a male passenger when his gun discharged during the confrontation, injuring Dudley. She died at the hospital a short time later.

The charges are a result of an investigation by the Mercer County Homicide Task Force, specifically lead investigator Scott Rich of the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office. Assistant Prosecutor Michael Grillo presented the case to the grand jury.

Despite having been indicted, every defendant is presumed innocent until found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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