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### Three Arrests Made in Carver Lane Homicide

Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri and Trenton Police Director Ernest Parrey Jr. announced today that three teenagers were arrested over the weekend in connection with a shooting that occurred on October 6, 2017 that killed 58-year-old Wilma Rutledge and wounded a 14-year-old girl.

**ZION WILLIAMS**, age 18, of Stuyvesant Avenue, is charged with murder, attempted murder, possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose, unlawful possession of a weapon and endangering the welfare of a child. The prosecutor's office has filed a motion to have Williams detained.

The charges are a result of an investigation by the Mercer County Homicide Task Force, specifically lead investigator Scott Peterson of the Trenton Police Department.

The shooting incident occurred about 3:10 p.m. on October 6 at the intersection of Carver Lane and North Willow Street in Trenton. Two shooting victims, Rutledge and a 14-year-old female, were transported to the hospital by private means. Rutledge was pronounced dead at the hospital while the teenager sustained non-life threatening injuries.

Williams was taken into custody Friday night in Trenton by the U.S. Marshals NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force. Then, on Sunday evening, Detectives Nancy Diaz and Scott Peterson of the Mercer County Homicide Task Force, along with Ewing police, located two juvenile males in a home in Ewing Township. Both 16 year olds were taken

into custody without incident and face the same charges as Williams. Their names are not being released because they are juveniles.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to call the Mercer County Homicide Task Force at (609) 989-6406.

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

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