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Arrest Made in Lawrence Township Fatal Hit-and-Run

Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri and Lawrence Township Police Chief Mark Ubry announced that a Trenton man has been arrested and charged in last month's fatal hit-and-run in Lawrence.

Nasir Reed, 18, is charged with death by auto and leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident with a fatality.

At approximately 1:40 p.m. on February 19, Lawrence Township police received a 911 call reporting that a gas attendant was struck by a gray Nissan Altima in the parking lot of Quick Check, 303 Brunswick Circle Extension. The attendant, identified as 35-year-old Charles Nevius of Hamilton, was struck as he was attempting to stop the Nissan's driver after the vehicle struck a silver Honda SUV. Nevius sustained injuries to his head and leg. He was transported to Capital Health Regional Medical Center where he later succumbed to his injuries.

The charges are a result of an investigation by Detective David Petelle of the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office Serious Collision Response Team and Officer Andres Mejia, Detective Joseph Radlinsky and Detective Dan Gladney of the Lawrence Township Police Department. Through the review of hours of surveillance footage along with a confidential tip, authorities were able to identify the suspect and locate the suspect vehicle.

Reed was taken into custody Monday in Trenton. The prosecutor's office has filed a motion to have him detained.

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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