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Suspect Charged in Sunday Officer-Involved Shooting

The suspect wounded yesterday during an officer-involved shooting incident that occurred in Trenton has been charged with weapons offenses, Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri reported.

Joseph Reeves, 37, of Trenton, is charged with unlawful possession of a weapon (first degree) and certain persons not to possess a weapon (second degree). There is no scheduled court appearance at this time.

Just after 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 29, 2019, Trenton police responded to an officer-involved shooting in the area of 1901 Calhoun Street. Officers and emergency medical technicians arrived on scene and located an adult black male, later identified as Joseph Reeves, suffering from multiple gunshot wounds, including one to the head. He was transported to Capital Health Regional Medical Center, then transferred to Cooper University Hospital in Camden, where he remains in stable condition. At the same time police located Reeves, they encountered an on-duty Trenton police officer. The circumstances that led up to the Trenton officer's encounter with Reeves are still under investigation.

Officers on scene observed a silver Kia Optima, which Reeves had been operating, with the engine running and the driver's side door open. The vehicle had heavy front end damage and appeared to have collided with a parked green Chevrolet Suburban LT. The Optima also had several bullet holes. A silver Ruger .357 Magnum revolver was located on the driver's side floor in plain view.

The Mercer County Homicide Task Force continues to investigate the shooting. Anyone with information is asked to call (609) 989-6406. Information can also be emailed to mchtftips@mercercounty.org.

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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