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Arrest Made in the Murder of 16-Year-Old Dion Ellis

Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri reported today that an investigation by the Mercer County Homicide Task Force has led to the arrest of a Trenton man for the recent shooting death of 16-year-old Dion Ellis.

Keith N. Jordan, 30, was taken into custody in Trenton Friday morning by members of the MCHTF, the Mercer County Tactical Response Team and the U.S. Marshals NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force. He is charged with one count of first-degree murder, one count of second-degree possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and one count of second-degree unlawful possession of a weapon. The prosecutor's office has filed a motion to detain Jordan pending trial.

On Monday, July 5, 2021, at approximately 12:45 a.m., the Mercer County Homicide Task Force and Trenton police responded to the area of Prospect Street and Stuyvesant Avenue on the report of a shooting. One victim, later identified as 16-year-old Ellis, was found shot in the head and pronounced dead at the scene. A second 16-year-old male was transported to the hospital and treated for a gunshot wound to the leg.

An initial canvas of the scene produced eight shell casings. Area video surveillance was reviewed and a suspect vehicle was identified, which was traced back to Jordan.

As a result of a search warrant being executed on Jordan's 2016 Toyota Camry, he is also charged with obstruction and multiple weapons offenses. Detectives recovered a 9mm handgun with a 33-round extended magazine, hollow-point bullets, and an empty 10-round magazine.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to call HTF Detective Shawn Bruton at (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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