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Trenton Man Indicted for Hoffman Avenue Homicide

A Mercer County grand jury returned a 10-count indictment last week charging a 40-year-old Trenton man in the April 2020 shooting death of Quamierah Massey, Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri reported.

Quasim Hallett is charged with one count of first-degree murder, one count of second-degree unlawful possession of a weapon, three counts of second-degree possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose, two counts of third-degree terroristic threats, two counts of fourth-degree aggravated assault and one count of second-degree certain persons not to possess a firearm.

The charges are the result of an investigation by the Mercer County Homicide Task Force. On Sunday, April 5, 2020, at approximately 7:05 p.m., Trenton police responded to a call for shots fired in the 100 block of Hoffman Avenue. Several calls came in reporting someone was shot in the head at this location and Shot Spotter reported one round fired in the area. Officers arrived on scene and located the victim, identified as 24-year-old Quamierah Massey, suffering a gunshot wound to the head. She was transported to the hospital where she was pronounced dead the next day.

Hallett was taken into custody in Delaware about a week after the murder by members of the U.S. Marshals Regional Fugitive Task Force. In addition to the murder and weapons offenses, he was charged with aggravated assault and terroristic threats for pointing his handgun at two other females on Hoffman Avenue that day and threatening to kill them.

Hallett was extradited back to New Jersey and is currently detained in the Mercer County Correction Center.

Assistant Prosecutor Joseph Paravecchia 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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