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Trenton Man Arrested for December Homicide

A Trenton man has been arrested and charged for a December 2021 shooting homicide that occurred on Garfield Avenue, Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri reported.

Tevin Laster, 27, is charged with murder, possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and unlawful possession of a weapon. He was arrested on Saturday, January 8, 2022, in Trenton by members of the Mercer County Tactical Response Team, U.S. Marshals NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force, Mercer County Homicide Task Force and Mercer County Narcotics Task Force. The prosecutor's office has filed a motion to detain Laster pending trial.

The charges are the result of an investigation by the Mercer County Homicide Task Force and the Trenton Police Department. At approximately 1:40 a.m. on Saturday, December 18, 2021, Trenton police received a Shot Spotter activation for multiple rounds in the 400 block of Garfield Avenue. Additional calls were received for a shooting and a male shot. Upon arrival, officers located the victim, later identified as Quashawn Kelley, in the rear of a residence on Garfield Avenue suffering from multiple gunshot wounds to the head, torso, arms and legs. Kelley was transported to Capital Health Regional Medical Center and pronounced dead a short time later.

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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