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Trenton Man Arrested for New Year's Eve Homicide

A Trenton man has been arrested and charged for a shooting homicide that occurred on New Year's Eve on Beakes Street, Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri reported.

Shannon Williams, 35, is charged with murder, possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose, unlawful possession of a weapon and certain persons not to possess a weapon. He was transported to the Mercer County Correction Center on Saturday pending a detention hearing.

The charges are the result of an investigation by the Mercer County Homicide Task Force and the Trenton Police Department. At approximately 7 p.m. on Friday, December 31, 2021, Trenton police responded to the first block of Beakes Street on a report of a shooting in progress. They located the victim, identified as Emanuel Ross, 47, of Trenton, lying on the sidewalk suffering from gunshot wounds to the head, back and face. Ross was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced dead a short time later.

A canvass of the scene revealed three shell casings in the area the victim was located. HTF detectives reviewed surveillance footage from Donnelly Homes and a suspect is seen pulling out a gun and firing three shots in the direction of the victim. Detectives were able to identify the shooter as Williams.

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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