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Mercer County Grand Jury Returns Indictment in Murder of 9-Year-Old Sequoya Bacon-Jones

A Mercer County grand jury returned a seven-count indictment this week charging Isiah Roberts with the March 2022 shooting death of 9-year-old Sequoya Bacon-Jones in Trenton, Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri reported.

Roberts, 19, of Trenton, is charged with first-degree murder, three counts of second-degree possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose, second-degree aggravated assault, fourth-degree aggravated assault and second-degree unlawful possession of a handgun. He is being held in the Mercer County Correction Center pending trial.

The indictment is the result of an investigation by the Mercer County Homicide Task Force and the Trenton Police Department. Sequoya was outside playing with her brother and other friends in the courtyard of the Kingsbury Square apartments around 7:30 p.m. on March 25, 2022, when gunfire broke out. She was shot once in the upper body as she ran for safety. She died just before midnight at a hospital in New Brunswick.

The investigation revealed that a Facebook feud between two women led to a fight that preceded the shooting.

Assistant Prosecutor Michael Grillo 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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