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Mercer County Homicide Task Force Investigation Leads to Arrest in May Shooting Homicide

A Trenton man has been charged with the May 2022 murder of Ali Abdullah, Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri reported.

Kahiree Peterson, 23, is charged with murder, attempted murder and weapons offenses. He was served his complaints this week at the Mercer County Correction Center where he is being held on unrelated charges. The prosecutor's office has filed a motion to detain Peterson 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 a.m. on May 22, 2022, Trenton police received three Shot Spotter activations for multiple locations in the 100 block of West Hanover Street. Upon arrival, officers located an adult male lying on the sidewalk suffering a gunshot wound. He was transported to Capital Health Regional Medical Center and pronounced dead a short time later. The victim was identified as Ali Abdullah, 25, of Trenton.

While officers were on scene, a second shooting victim arrived at Capital Health Regional Medical Center by private vehicle. The 30-year-old male suffered a gunshot wound to his shoulder area.

The majority of the scene was located on the side of 142 West Hanover Street in the State of New Jersey parking lot. Numerous shell casings were located on the sidewalk

next to the location. Two vehicles were parked in the lot, and one had been struck numerous times.

During the course of the investigation, a ballistics alert linked the shell casings from the murder with a shooting that occurred on May 19, 2022 on Tioga Street in Trenton. The Shooting Response Team executed a search warrant at Peterson's residence and recovered a .45 caliber Kimber handgun and ammunition that matched evidence collected during the homicide investigation.

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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