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Philadelphia Man Arrested for Christmas Eve Homicide in Trenton

A Philadelphia man was arrested on Christmas Eve for fatally shooting a man in Trenton, Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri reported.

Fausto Adalberto-Rodriguez, 45, is charged with murder, aggravated assault and weapons offenses. He was taken into custody shortly after the shooting in Trenton. The prosecutor's office will file a motion to detain Adalberto-Rodriguez trial.

The charges are the result of an investigation by the Mercer County Homicide Task Force and the Trenton Police Department. At approximately 7:20 p.m. on Saturday, December 24, 2022, Trenton police responded to an apartment in the 200 block of Walnut Avenue on a report of a man shot. Responding officers arrived on scene to discover the victim inside the second-floor apartment suffering a gunshot wound to the head. The victim, identified as Junior Rodriguez, 40, was transported to the hospital and pronounced dead a short time later.

The investigation revealed Adalberto-Rodriguez showed up at the apartment on Walnut Avenue around 7 p.m. looking to speak to his ex-girlfriend. He located her and the victim in the apartment and an altercation ensued. Adalberto-Rodriguez hit the woman in the head with a handgun, then shot Rodriguez and fled the scene in his vehicle.

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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