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Trenton Man Charged in Connection to Body Found in Trash Bag

Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri announced today that an investigation conducted by the Mercer County Homicide Task Force and the Trenton Police Department has resulted in charges being filed against a Trenton man in connection to last month's discovery of a decomposed body in a garbage bag.

David Gibson, 44, of Trenton, is charged with disturbing or desecrating human remains, tampering with evidence, and hindering. The prosecutor's office has filed a motion to detain Gibson pending trial. Gibson is the tenant of 615 Beatty Street who was evicted in November. He is accused of placing the victim in the garbage bag after the victim was deceased, moving the trash bag to a different area, concealing the victim's remains, and not contacting authorities.

On December 23, 2022, a decomposed body in a garbage bag was located at a property in the 600 block of Beatty Street in Trenton by the landlord. An autopsy was performed by the Middlesex Regional Medical Examiner's Office, and the cause and manner of the victim's death are pending further testing. A tentative identification of the victim has been made, however that identification is pending DNA confirmation.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Mercer County Homicide Task Force at (609) 989-6406. Information can also be emailed to mchtftips@mercercounty.org.

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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