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Trenton Man Charged with Fatal Shooting in Lawrence Township

Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri and Lawrence Township Police Chief Christopher Longo announced today that an investigation conducted by the Mercer County Homicide Task Force and the Lawrence Township Police Department has resulted in the arrest of a Trenton man for the shooting death of Anthony Irizarry.

Paul X. McNeil, 37, is charged with one count of first-degree murder, one count of first-degree felony murder, one count of first-degree robbery, and three weapons offenses. He was served his charges this week at the Mercer County Correction Center where he is being detained on an unrelated case.

At approximately 12:30 a.m. on August 11, 2023, Lawrence police responded to a residence on Mendrey Court after receiving a 911 phone call that someone had been shot. Upon arrival, officers located 36-year-old Irizarry in the living room suffering from a gunshot wound to the back. He was transported to Capital Health Regional Medical Center where he was pronounced dead a short time later.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to contact MCHTF Detective Chris Pullen at (609) 989-6406 or OIC William Jett at (609) 331-5010. Information can also be emailed to mchfttips@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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