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Fieldsboro Man Arrested for Fatal Shooting in Hamilton Township

Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri announced today that an investigation conducted by the Mercer County Homicide Task Force and the Hamilton Police Division has resulted in the arrest of a Burlington County man for the shooting death of Matthew Morales.

Joshua Davis, 18, of Fieldsboro, NJ, is charged with one count of first-degree murder, one count of second-degree possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and one count of second-degree unlawful possession of a weapon. He was taken into custody without incident Wednesday afternoon in Mount Laurel. The prosecutor's office has filed a motion to detain Davis pending trial.

Hamilton police officers responded to a shooting in progress in the 4900 block of S. Broad Street shortly after 1 a.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2023. Upon arrival, officers located a male victim in the driveway of a home near Pilgrim Way suffering from a gunshot wound. The victim, identified as Morales, 28, of Blackwood, NJ, was transported to Capital Health Regional Medical Center where he was pronounced dead a short time later. Investigation revealed that Morales was shot during an altercation with Davis on S. Broad Street.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to contact MCHTF Detective Luis Vega at (609) 989-6406 or Sgt. Sherika Salmon at (609) 960-3119. Information can also be emailed to mchftips@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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