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Three Men Charged in Connection with November 2023 Shooting Homicide in Trenton

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 three individuals in connection with the November 2023 shooting homicide of Leroy Tutt.

Jerrod Baldwin, 41, of Ewing, and Kellen Dingman, 41, of Ewing, are each charged with first-degree murder, second-degree possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose, second-degree unlawful possession of a weapon and first-degree conspiracy to commit murder. Eric Bell, 44, of Trenton, is charged with first-degree conspiracy to commit murder and third-degree hindering apprehension. All three men were taken into custody earlier this week by in various locations of New Jersey by members of the U.S. Marshals Regional Fugitive Task Force and the Mercer County Tactical Response Team. They are being held at the Mercer County Correction Center pending detention hearings.

At approximately 6:30 a.m. on Friday, November 24, 2023, Trenton police responded to the first block of Oliver Avenue for a ShotSpotter activation. Responding officers arrived on scene to discover an adult male on the sidewalk suffering from multiple gunshots to the torso. The victim was lying next to a burgundy Chrysler Sebring with an open trunk. Officers observed numerous spent shell casings inside of the truck. The victim, later identified as Leroy Tutt, 37, of Trenton, was transported to Capital Heath Regional Medical Center where he was pronounced dead.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to contact MCHTF Detective Elijah Phillips at 609-414-2006 or Sgt. Roberto Reyes at 609-256-0997. 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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Jerrod Baldwin



Kellen Dingman