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Trenton Man Arrested for Fatal Shooting

Acting Mercer County Prosecutor Theresa L. Hilton and Trenton Police Director Steve Wilson announced today that an investigation conducted by the Mercer County Homicide Task Force (MCHTF) and the Trenton Police Department has resulted in the arrest of a Trenton man for the shooting death of a 17-year-old city resident.

Keisan Simmons, 19, 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 arrested on Monday, September 30, in Morrisville, Pa., by the U.S. Marshals New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force with assistance from the Morrisville Police Department. Simmons is being held at the Bucks County Correctional Facility. The prosecutor's office will file a motion to detain him pending trial.

At approximately 12:32 p.m. on September 22, 2024, Trenton police responded to the area of Parkside and Homan avenues on a ShotSpotter activation. Responding officers arrived on scene to discover the victim, later identified as Opium Leverette, 17, of Trenton, suffering from a gunshot wound to the back. Leverette 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 Luis Vega at (609) 278-2720 or Sgt. William Jett Jr. 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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