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Investigation Into Fatal Shooting

Acting Mercer County Prosecutor Theresa L. Hilton reported today that an investigation is ongoing into a shooting homicide that occurred over the weekend and took the life of a juvenile.

On September 22, 2024, at approximately 12:32 p.m., Trenton Police received a ShotSpotter activation in the area of Parkside and Homan Avenues. Trenton patrol officers responded to find a black male, identified as seventeen-year-old Trenton resident Opium Leverette, suffering from a gunshot wound to the back. Responding officers began rendering aid to the victim. TEMS arrived and brought the victim to Capital Health Regional Medical Center for treatment. The victim was later pronounced deceased at 1:09 p.m.

Acting Prosecutor Hilton urged anyone with information about the incident 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 mchtftips@mercercounty.org.

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