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Trenton Teen Indicted for Murder

TRENTON – A Mercer County grand jury returned a five-count indictment yesterday charging a Trenton teenager with the shooting death of 17-year-old Shamere Melvin, Mercer County Prosecutor Joseph L. Bocchini Jr. reported.

Alberto Lopez, age 17, was indicted on one count of murder, one count of felony murder, one count of first-degree robbery, one count of second-degree possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and one count of second-degree unlawful possession of a handgun.

At approximately 8:38 p.m. on December 18, 2013, Trenton police responded to the area of 366 North Clinton Avenue on a report of a sick or injured person. Upon arrival, they found Melvin lying on the ground outside with a single gunshot wound to the head. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Following an investigation by the Mercer County Homicide Task Force, an arrest warrant was issued for Lopez. He was taken into custody a few days later by members of the homicide task force, the U.S. Marshals NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force and the state probation division. Lopez remains in jail in lieu of \$750,000 bail.

Assistant Prosecutor Thomas Meidt, chief of the Trial Section, presented the case to the grand jury.

Despite having been indicted, every defendant is presumed innocent until found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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