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Two Trenton Men Charged in January 2014 Murder

TRENTON – Mercer County Prosecutor Joseph L. Bocchini Jr. and Trenton Police Director Ralph Rivera Jr. announced today that two Trenton men have been charged for the January 4, 2014 murder of 22-year-old Chevin B. Burgess.

Calier Samad (DOB 9/30/87), of Hart Avenue, is charged with murder, felony murder, robbery, possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and unlawful possession of a weapon. Joeryan Foreman (DOB 12/28/93), of South Broad Street, is charged with felony murder, robbery, possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and unlawful possession of a weapon.

An investigation by the Mercer County Homicide Task Force revealed that a robbery scheme by the defendants resulted in Burgess being shot in the head by Samad on January 4, 2014, at approximately 7 p.m., causing his death. The victim's body was then driven to the side of 104 Hart Avenue in Trenton, where the vehicle was doused with gasoline and set on fire.

Samad's bail was set at \$1 million. He is currently being held at the Albert C. Wagner Youth Correctional Facility on unrelated charges. Foreman is being held at the Mercer County Correction Center in lieu of \$600,000 bail.

The case remains under investigation by the Mercer County Homicide Task Force. Anyone with information is asked to contact Trenton Police Detective Brian Egan at (609) 989-6406.

The task force has been operating since November 2013. Under the command of Mercer County Prosecutor's Captain Robert Dispoto and Lieutenant Rich Frascella, the task force is comprised of officers with the prosecutor's office, the Mercer County Sheriff's Office, the New Jersey State Police, and the Lawrence, Trenton and West Windsor police departments. Assistant Prosecutor James Scott is prosecuting the case.

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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