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Three Trenton Residents Indicted for Murder

TRENTON – A Mercer County grand jury returned a six-count indictment this week charging three individuals with the November 2014 murder of 48-year-old Rodney Burke, Acting Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri reported.

Kenneth Hines (DOB 1.30.80), Alexandria Gomez (DOB 6.13.84) and Jaquan Dallas (DOB 3.3.95), were each indicted on one count of first-degree conspiracy, one count of first-degree felony murder, one count of first-degree attempted robbery, two counts of second-degree possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and one count of second-degree unlawful possession of a weapon.

The indictment is the result of an investigation by the Mercer County Homicide Task Force. Burke was found in his South Broad Street apartment around 2 a.m. on November 4, 2014, suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. He was transported to St. Francis Medical Center where he was pronounced dead a short time later. According to the indictment, Hines, Gomez and Dallas conspired to commit an armed robbery, which resulted in Burke's death.

All three remain incarcerated. A fourth suspect remains unidentified and at large. The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to call the homicide task force at (609) 989-6406 or the Trenton police confidential tip line at (609) 989-3663.

Assistant Prosecutor Lew Korngut, chief of the Mercer County Homicide Task Force, 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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