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Trenton Man Charged with Murder

TRENTON – A Trenton man has been charged for the November 4, 2014 murder of 48-year-old Rodney Burke, Mercer County Prosecutor Joseph L. Bocchini Jr. and Trenton Police Director Ernest Parrey reported today.

Kenneth Hines (DOB 1.30.80), of Greenwood Avenue, Trenton, is charged with first-degree murder and second-degree conspiracy. Bail was set at \$1 million cash or bond by Mercer County Superior Court Judge Darlene Pereksta.

The charges are 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 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 complaint, Hines conspired with others to commit a robbery, which resulted in Burke's death.

Hines was arrested for a narcotics offense on Tuesday by Trenton police during a motor vehicle stop in the 200 block of Walnut Avenue.

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.

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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