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Trenton Man Indicted for Murder

TRENTON – A Mercer County grand jury returned an indictment on Wednesday charging a Trenton man with the November 2013 shooting death of Devon Hewitt, Mercer County Prosecutor Joseph L. Bocchini Jr. reported.

Robert E. Byers, 36, of Mott Street, Trenton, was indicted on counts of first-degree murder, second-degree possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and third-degree unlawful possession of a weapon.

At approximately 4:46 p.m. on November 21, 2013, police responded to a report of a shooting in progress. Upon arrival at 153 Philips Avenue, Trenton, officers located Hewitt, 47, lying on the floor with a gunshot wound. He was pronounced dead on the scene.

The charges are the result of a Mercer County Homicide Task Force investigation. The U.S. Marshals NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force developed leads on Byers' whereabouts and forwarded that information to its counterpart in Florida. He was arrested on March 27, 2014, in Miami, Florida, by the U.S. Marshals Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force.

Byers remains in the Mercer County Correction Center in lieu of \$1 million bail.

Deputy First Assistant Prosecutor Kimm Lacken 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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