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Second Man Charged in August 2016 Murder

A second man has been arrested in connection with the August 2016 murder of 32-year-old Jonathan Jimenez, Acting Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri reported.

FREILYN J. DELACRUZ (DOB 12.25.79), of Anderson Street, Trenton, is charged with murder, possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and unlawful possession of a weapon.

The charges are a result of an investigation by the Mercer County Homicide Task Force, specifically lead investigator Robert Booth of the New Jersey State Police. At approximately 10:30 p.m. on August 5, 2016, Trenton police officers were dispatched to the area of 35 Cummings Avenue on the report of a shooting in progress. The victim, later identified as 32-year-old Jimenez, was found lying in the street unconscious and unresponsive, suffering a gunshot wound through the chest. Jimenez was transported to Capital Health Regional Medical Center where he was pronounced dead.

Mercer County Prosecutor's Detective Kevin Searing, Detective Sergeant Jeremy Stewart of the Mercer County Sheriff's Office, and the U.S. Marshals Service worked for months attempting to locate **DELACRUZ** after warrants were issued in August for the homicide. He was discovered earlier this week in Mexico, arrested and deported. **DELACRUZ** was taken into custody in Miami, Florida, on Wednesday pending extradition to Mercer County. Bail on the homicide was set at \$750,000 cash or bond.

Co-defendant **ALBERTO A. PEREZ** was arrested in August for the murder. He remains in the Mercer County Correction Center in lieu of \$750,000 cash or bond bail.

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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