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Trenton Man Indicted for Murder

TRENTON – A Mercer County grand jury returned a five-count indictment last week charging a Trenton man with the shooting death of 23-year-old Naquan Ellis, Mercer County Prosecutor Joseph L. Bocchini Jr. reported.

Grady A. Blue III (DOB 12.23.92), of Greenwood Avenue, was indicted on one count of murder, one count of first-degree criminal attempt to commit murder, one count of second-degree aggravated assault, one count of second-degree possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and one count of second-degree unlawful possession of a handgun.

At approximately 10:45 p.m. on June 24, 2014, Trenton police responded to the area of Fairway Drive on a report of a shooting in progress. Upon arrival, officers located the victim, later identified as Ellis, in the parking lot area in front of 22-24 Fairway Drive suffering from a gunshot wound to the chest. Ellis was transported to Capital Health Regional Medical Center where he was pronounced dead a short time later. A female who had been shot in the leg and hand was also located in the Fairway Drive area and transported to Capital Health Regional Medical Center.

Following an investigation by the Mercer County Homicide Task Force, an arrest warrant was issued for Blue. He was taken into custody the following evening by members of the U.S. Marshals NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force.

Blue is currently incarcerated at the Garden State Youth Correctional Facility on unrelated charges. Bail remains at \$1 million on the homicide.

Assistant Prosecutor Kathleen Petrucci 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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