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The Mercer County Prosecutor's Office is investigating a police-involved shooting that took place at approximately 3 a.m. in front of the D and A Deli, 901 Calhoun Street, on the border of Ewing and Trenton.

Thus far, the investigation has revealed that Trenton Police Officer John Avanzato, on his way home from his shift, observed a struggle outside of the deli. Avanzato radioed into the Trenton Police Department about a possible robbery in progress and stopped at the scene. As Avanzato approached the men on foot to investigate, the store owner fired at him. Avanzato returned fire. No one was struck.

The store owner, Roberto Jaquez, age 35, of Trenton, was taken into custody and charged with possession of a firearm for an unlawful purpose and aggravated assault

Jaquez is being held on \$60,000 bail.

This remains an ongoing investigation by the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office and the Ewing Police Department. Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

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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