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Trenton Man Indicted for Murder

TRENTON – A Mercer County grand jury returned a 12-count indictment last week charging a Trenton man with the June 2014 stabbing death of 49-year-old Keisha Alexander, Acting Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri reported.

Jorge L. Rodriguez (DOB 1.26.94), of Mulberry Street, was indicted on one count of first-degree aggravated murder, one count of first-degree murder, two counts of first-degree felony murder, one count of second-degree burglary, three counts of first-degree aggravated sexual assault, two counts of third-degree possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and two counts of fourth-degree unlawful possession of a weapon.

At approximately 7:45 a.m. on June 21, 2014, Trenton police found Alexander deceased in her apartment on Edgewood Avenue. An investigation revealed that Rodriguez opened a back window of Alexander's apartment, reached in and unlocked the back door, intending to commit a theft. He physically and sexually assaulted the victim, and then stabbed her with a knife and left her in the apartment.

Rodriguez would be sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole if found guilty of the aggravated murder charge. He remains in jail in lieu of \$500,000 cash only bail.

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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