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Trenton Teen Arrested for Ciony Kirkman's Murder

TRENTON – A Trenton teen was arrested late Friday night and charged with the April 24 shooting death of 16-year-old Ciony Kirkman, Acting Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri and Trenton Police Director Ernest Parrey Jr. reported.

The 17-year-old male was arrested at a relative's house in Trenton by the U.S. Marshals NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force and taken into custody without incident. He is charged with murder, six counts of aggravated assault, possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and unlawful possession of a weapon. He is currently being held at the Middlesex County Youth Detention Center.

On April 24, 2016, at approximately 6:25 p.m., Kirkman was shot in the head at Jersey Street and Home Avenue while in a Ford Windstar minivan that had been reported stolen in Trenton several days earlier. Six other juveniles were in the minivan at the time. Kirkman succumbed to her injuries two days later.

The charges are a result of an investigation by Detective Pat Holt and the Mercer County Homicide Task Force.

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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