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Sixteen Year Old Arrested for Murder

Mercer County Prosecutor Joseph L. Bocchini Jr. and Trenton Police Director Ralph Rivera reported an arrest in last Wednesday night's homicide in the city.

A 16-year-old Trenton male was arrested on Saturday and charged with murder, possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and unlawful possession of a weapon in the December 18 shooting of 17-year-old Shamere Melvin.

The arrest resulted from a Mercer County Homicide Task Force investigation. At approximately 8:38 p.m. last Wednesday evening, police responded to the area of 366 North Clinton Avenue on a report of a sick or injured person. Upon arrival, they found the victim, later identified as Melvin, lying on the ground outside with a single gunshot wound to the head. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The juvenile was arrested at approximately 1:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon at the corner of Walnut and Chestnut avenues. He was taken into custody without incident by members of the homicide task force, the U.S. Marshals NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force and the state probation division. He was remanded to the Middlesex County Youth Detention Center.

The Mercer County Homicide Task Force is currently comprised of members of the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office, the Trenton Police Department and the Mercer County Sheriff's Office.

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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