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Trenton Man Arrested in Ewing Homicide

TRENTON – Mercer County Prosecutor Joseph L. Bocchini Jr. announced today that a 21-year-old Trenton man has been arrested and charged with murder in connection to a shooting that took place early Sunday morning in Ewing Township.

The joint investigation conducted by the Ewing police and the prosecutor's office Homicide Unit revealed that at approximately 12:15 a.m. on February 3, Danielle Schrenk, 21, of Hamilton, arrived on Morse Avenue in Ewing with three males with the intent to purchase marijuana from Keyon Powell. Powell entered the vehicle and negotiated the sale, but the occupants of the vehicle took possession of the marijuana from Powell and ordered him out of the vehicle without paying him.

As Powell exited Schrenk's black Honda Accord, he was observed pulling a semi-automatic handgun from his waistband. He fired a round into the pavement and as the vehicle pulled away, a second round was fired that entered the rear window, striking Schrenk in the back. Schrenk was taken by ambulance to Capital Health Regional Medical Center where she died Monday morning. No one else in the car was hit.

Powell (DOB 1-26-1992), of Cummings Avenue, Trenton, was taken into custody Tuesday night on the 1200 block of Calhoun Street, Trenton, by officers with the prosecutor's office, Ewing police and the U.S. Marshals Service. He was transported to the Ewing Police Department for processing. In addition to murder, Powell is charged with possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and unlawful possession of a weapon. His bail was set at \$1 million by Mercer County Superior Court Judge Thomas M. Brown.

The case remains under investigation by Ewing Police Detective Pat Holt and Mercer County Prosecutor's Detective Tony Abarno. Anyone with information should contact Detective Holt at (609) 882-1313 ext. 5571.

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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