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Trenton Man Indicted for Murder

TRENTON – A Mercer County grand jury returned a seven-count indictment recently charging a Trenton man with the shooting death of 64-year-old Silas Johnson of Burlington, Acting Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri reported.

Randy Washington (DOB 1.28.81), of Calhoun Street, was indicted on one count of first-degree murder, one count of second-degree possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose, one count of second-degree unlawful possession of a handgun, two counts of third-degree resisting arrest, one count of fourth-degree obstructing the administration of law and one count of fourth-degree criminal trespass.

At approximately 10:12 a.m. on October 29, 2014, Trenton police responded to the area of Market Street under the Route 1 bypass on a report of a male shot. Upon arrival, they located Johnson suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. He was transported to Capital Health Regional Medical Center where he was pronounced dead a short time later. Officers learned a suspect fled the area on foot toward Route 1 and flooded the area. Washington was found hiding in Conover Alley behind 364 South Broad Street.

Washington was charged with two counts of resisting arrest and one count of obstructing the administration of law. Following an investigation, complaints were signed on November 5, 2014, charging him with Johnson's murder. Washington remains in jail on \$2.3 million bail.

Assistant Prosecutor Stacey Geurds 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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