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Trenton Man Indicted for Murder

TRENTON – A Mercer County grand jury returned a five-count indictment last week charging a Trenton man with the shooting death of 27-year-old Kevin Thomas of Hamilton, Acting Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri reported.

Ronald C. Smith (DOB 10.24.82), of New Trent Street, was indicted on one count of first-degree murder, one count of second-degree aggravated assault, two counts of second-degree possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and one count of second-degree unlawful possession of a handgun.

At approximately 4 a.m. on September 3, 2006, a four-door Honda was stopped at a red light at the corner of East State and Chambers streets in Trenton. Thomas was a passenger in the Honda along with four other occupants. A dark-colored SUV pulled up alongside of the Honda and someone inside of the SUV began shooting at the other vehicle. The driver of the Honda drove directly to Saint Francis Medical Center where Thomas succumbed to multiple gunshot wounds. One of the other passengers in the Honda also sustained a gunshot wound.

Following an investigation by the Mercer County Homicide Task Force, Smith was identified as the shooter. Complaints were signed on July 29, 2014, and Smith was served the new charges while incarcerated for an unrelated offense. His bail was set at \$750,000 on the homicide and he remains in prison.

Assistant Prosecutor Lew Korngut, chief of the Mercer County Homicide Task Force, 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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