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## **Trenton Man Indicted for Murder**

**TRENTON** – A Mercer County grand jury returned a four-count indictment recently charging a Trenton man with the shooting death of 33-year-old Pinky Priester.

Tomarkus L. Whitfield, age 36, of Beatty Street, Trenton, was indicted on one count of murder, one count of second-degree possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose, one count of second-degree unlawful possession of a handgun and one count of second-degree certain persons not to possess a firearm.

At approximately 10 p.m. on June 16, Trenton police responded to the 300 block of Centre Street on a report of a shooting in progress. Upon arrival, officers located Priester lying in the middle of the street suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. He was transported to Capital Health Regional Medical Center where he was pronounced dead a short time later.

Following an investigation by the Mercer County Homicide Task Force, an arrest warrant was issued for Whitfield. He was located by the U.S. Marshals NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force on June 24 on Division Street in Trenton and taken into custody without incident.

Whitfield remains in the Mercer County Correction Center in lieu of \$750,000 cash only bail.

Assistant Prosecutor Michelle Gasparian 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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