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### **TRENTON MAN ARRESTED IN VIRGINIA FOR MURDER**

A Trenton man was arrested Wednesday morning and charged with the September 18, 2016, shooting death of Lance Beckett, Acting Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri and Trenton Police Director Ernest Parrey Jr. reported.

**Omar Kennedy (DOB: 11-13-81)**, of Atterbury Avenue, was located at a residence in Richmond, Virginia, by the Capitol Area Regional Fugitive Task Force and taken into custody without incident. The U.S. Marshals NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force developed leads on Kennedy's whereabouts and forwarded that information to its counterpart in Virginia. Kennedy is being held at the Richmond Justice Center pending extradition proceedings.

Kennedy is charged with murder, possession of a handgun for an unlawful purpose and unlawful possession of a handgun. Bail was set at \$1,000,000 cash or bond by the Honorable Peter E. Warshaw, J.S.C.

On September 18, 2016, at approximately 2:49 p.m., Trenton police responded to the area of E. Stuyvesant Avenue between Marion and Prospect Streets after the ShotSpotter system detected gunshots. Responding officers located 19-year-old Lance Beckett suffering from gunshot wounds and lying in the grass along E. Stuyvesant Avenue. Emergency Medical Services responded, however, the victim was pronounced dead a short time later.

The charges are a result of an investigation by Detective Michael Castaldo and the Mercer County Homicide Task Force. Members of the Mercer County Homicide Task Force

previously arrested Quashawn Emanuel and a 17-year-old juvenile, who are also charged with the murder of Beckett.

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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