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### **TWO MEN INDICTED FOR MURDER**

TRENTON – A Mercer County grand jury returned a five-count indictment this week charging two men with the shooting death of 19-year-old Elvin Kimble of Trenton, Acting Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri reported.

Gary Spears (DOB 7-8-1982) of Dickinson Street in Trenton, and Jermaine Johnson (DOB 12-25-1975) of Parkway Avenue in Ewing, were each indicted on one count of second degree conspiracy, one count of first degree murder, one count of second degree possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and one count of second degree unlawful possession of a handgun. Spears was also indicted on one count of second degree certain person not to possess a firearm.

At approximately 12:39 a.m. on November 24, 2015, Trenton police officers were dispatched to the area of Chestnut Avenue and Rusling Street on a report of shots fired. Upon arrival, officers located evidence of a shootout between at least two individuals on opposite sides of Rusling Street, but no victim was located at that time. At approximately 6:18 a.m., Trenton police were dispatched to 112 Rusling Street after a citizen reported that their vehicle had been struck by gunfire. When officers responded, a resident of Division Street approached police to report a deceased male lying between a parked car and a fence in his driveway. The victim, later identified as Kimble, suffered a gunshot wound and was pronounced dead.

Following an investigation by Detective Nancy Diaz and the Mercer County Homicide Task Force, complaints were signed on January 14, 2016, charging Gary Spears and Jermaine Johnson with Kimble's murder. They both remain in jail on \$1 million bail.

Assistant Prosecutor Timothy Ward 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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