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CHARGES FILED IN EWING HOMICIDE

TRENTON -- Mercer County Prosecutor Joseph L. Bocchini Jr. today announced that charges have been filed against Wayne Voorhees in connection with yesterday's homicide at the Versailles Apartment Complex in Ewing.

According to Prosecutor Bocchini, Voorhees, age 50, of the Versailles Apartment Complex, Ewing, has been charged with murder, possession of a weapon and possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose in connection with yesterday's shooting.

The murder victim has been identified as Timothy Rivella, age 24, also of the Versailles Apartment Complex. An autopsy has been scheduled for this afternoon.

According to Bocchini, the shooting incident appears to stem from a dispute over a parking space.

Voorhees was treated last evening at Capital Health Systems at Fuld for a self-inflicted gunshot wound to head. He is currently in intensive care and listed in serious condition. He is expected to survive.

Prosecutor Bocchini had high praise for the New Jersey State Police and their tactical command of yesterday's incident. Bocchini also thanked Acting Sheriff Jack Kemler and the Mercer County Sheriff's Office, the Ewing, Trenton and West Windsor Police Departments, the West Trenton Fire Department and the medical personnel who were on scene.

The homicide investigation will be a joint investigation between the Ewing Police Department and the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office.

Despite having been charged with a crime, all defendants are innocent until proven guilty.

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