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MURDER CHARGES FILED
Randy Washington Charged with Two Murders and Five Robberies

Mercer County Prosecutor Joseph L. Bocchini, Jr. and Trenton Police Director Ernest Parrey, Jr. announced that murder and armed robbery charges were filed against Randy Kareem Washington, age 33, of the 500 block of Calhoun Street, Trenton and the 500 block of Third Street in Beverly, New Jersey.

According to Bocchini and Parrey, Washington was charged with the July 30, 2014 murder of George Jamison, age 43, of Pennington and the October 29, 2014 murder of Silas Johnson, Jr., age 64, of Burlington County. Washington was also charged with five armed robberies that occurred in the city of Trenton between July 13, 2014 and October 17, 2014. Numerous firearms charges were also filed against Washington.

The murder charges are a result of a Mercer County Homicide Task Force investigation and the armed robbery charges stem from a joint investigation of the Homicide Task Force and the Trenton Police Department's Criminal Investigation Section.

On October 29, 2014, at approximately 10:12 a.m., the Trenton Police Department received a report of shots fired in the area of Market Street under the Route 1 underpass. Upon arrival, officers discovered Johnson laying on the ground with apparent gunshot wounds. He was transported to Capital Health Regional Medical Center where he was pronounced dead a short time later. Witnesses reported that Washington was in a scuffle with Johnson when he produced a handgun and fired at Johnson. Washington was immediately apprehended by police officers on Conover Alley.

Evidence collected at the Market Street scene also linked Washington to the murder of George Jamison on July 30.

Washington has also been charged with the following armed robberies:

- **July 13, 2014**—at approximately 9:00 p.m. a 44 year old Hispanic male, exiting the Trenton Train Station, was approached by Washington from behind. Washington produced a handgun and struck the victim on the right cheek with the handgun. During the robbery, \$20, a bicycle and cell phone were taken from the victim.
- **July 23, 2014**—at approximately 9:24 p.m., a 24 year old Hispanic female was putting her children in the car after attending church services in the area of 304 North Willow Street when Washington approached her on a bicycle and pointed a handgun at her head. During the robbery, the victim's purse, wedding band and iPhone were taken.
- **October 16, 2014**—at approximately 11:15 a.m., a 24 year old Hispanic male was in the area of the 300 block of Centre Street when a black male, later identified as Washington, shot the victim in the hand and took his Diamondback bicycle. The bicycle was recovered by the police on the day of the Market street homicide. Ballistics evidence from the Centre Street robbery has also been linked to the Jamison and Johnson homicides.
- **October 17, 2014**—at approximately 8:46 p.m., a 44 year old white female was going to the store in the area of Walnut and Monmouth Streets when she was approached by an individual on a bicycle later identified as Washington. Washington demanded money and, when the victim indicated that she did not have money, pistol-whipped the victim causing a fractured nasal cavity and orbital bone. The victim was beaten unconscious and subsequently woke-up in the hospital.
- **October 17, 2014**—at approximately 9:47 p.m., a 27 year old white male and 23 year old black female were walking on Greenwood Avenue near Chestnut Avenue when they were approached by an individual on a bicycle later identified as Washington. Washington then produced a handgun and pointed it at the victims. The female victim was pistol whipped and sustained injuries to her left eye and a concussion. A Galaxy cell phone was taken during the robbery.

Trenton Police Director Ernest Parrey, Jr. thanked the investigators and uniformed officers of the Trenton Police Department, in addition to our local, county, state and Federal partners for their commitment, resolve and tireless efforts in removing a serial predator from our streets. He stated, "All that we have accomplished and continue to achieve on a daily basis could not be done without the active engagement of our officers and the cooperation of our law enforcement partners."

"I am confident in our police force and law enforcement partners in their significant capabilities to bring those who seek to harm the citizens of our city to justice," said Mayor Jackson. "Make no mistake, whether it takes 24 hours or 24 months, we will utilize the full power of our resources to throw in jail anyone who perpetuates violence against our city and its resilient people."

Bocchini praised the "exceptional work" of the Homicide Task Force. "The Homicide Task Force and the Trenton Police Department's Criminal Investigation Section worked

tirelessly to bring Randy Washington to justice and provide some closure for the victims and their families,” said Bocchini.

Bocchini noted that November 6 is the one year anniversary of the Homicide Task Force. “Despite the recent spate of violence, the Homicide Task Force continues to make progress solving current and cold homicide cases. Since the inception of the Homicide task Force, there have been 35 homicides; 16 of those homicides have been closed by the arrest of the perpetrator and persons of interest have been identified in 16 others,” Bocchini stated. Bocchini also noted that significant progress has been made in numerous cold case homicides with charges being filed in 7 cold cases including homicides that occurred in 2005 and 2006.

According to Bocchini, the total bail for Washington on the homicides and robberies is set at \$3 million full cash. There is also an additional \$100,000 full cash bail on Washington for resisting arrest, criminal trespass and obstructing the administration of law.

Despite being charged with a crime, all defendants presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.