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TRENTON MAN ARRESTED FOR MURDER

TRENTON – Mercer County Prosecutor Joseph L. Bocchini Jr. and Trenton Police Director Ralph Rivera reported the arrest of a Trenton man for last week's murder of Pinky Priester.

Tomarkus L. Whitfield (DOB 1.18.78), whose last known address is Beatty Street, Trenton, is charged with murder, unlawful possession of a weapon, possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and certain persons not to possess a weapon.

The charges are the result of a Mercer County Homicide Task Force investigation. 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, 33, 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.

Prosecutor's Detective Gary Wasko and the U.S. Marshals NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force located Whitfield at approximately 9:45 p.m. Tuesday evening on Division Street in Trenton and took him into custody without incident. He is being held on \$750,000 cash only bail.

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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