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**Hamilton Police Division and Mercer County Prosecutor's Office
Seek Assistance Identifying Gunman**

The Hamilton Police Division and the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office are seeking the public's assistance identifying the gunman responsible for a shooting last week that left one teen dead and four others injured.

Seventeen-year-old Shakir Williams was fatally shot last Friday, July 12, while attending a birthday party at a residence on Deutz Avenue in Hamilton. Four other youths sustained gunshot wounds.

After a solid week of following leads, and interviewing numerous victims and witnesses, police are frustrated with the lack of cooperation in the case.

"There were approximately 100 guests at the party, mostly all under the age of 18. It is impossible to believe that no one knows anything," Hamilton Police Captain Remo DiPaolo said.

Hamilton Police Detective William Berish and Mercer County Prosecutor's Detective Bryan Cottrell, who are leading the investigation, are also requesting any personal photos or videos taken by partygoers that may be of assistance in identifying the shooter.

"It's the age of technology and social media. Cell phones and smart phones are in constant reach," Mercer County Prosecutor Joseph L. Bocchini Jr. said. "Communication is instant, yet no one is willing to communicate with the people trying to find the person responsible."

Anyone with information on the shooting or Williams' death is urged to contact Detective Berish at (609) 581-4089; Detective Cottrell at (609) 278-2792; or the Hamilton Police anonymous tip line at (609) 581-4008.

In addition, **Trenton Crime Stoppers** is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for tips that lead to an arrest. Call them at (609) 278-TIPS (8477), or text information and keyword TCSTIPS to 274637. Text **STOP** to 274637 to cancel. Text **HELP** to 274637 for help. All tipsters are treated as anonymous.

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