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## **Two Indicted for Murder of Hamilton Man**

**TRENTON** – A Mercer County grand jury returned an indictment last week charging two Trenton men with the fatal shooting of 38-year-old Joseph Costanzo Jr. of Hamilton on December 1, 2008.

The grand jury returned a seven-count indictment charging Trenton residents Brian Johnson AKA Bad Ass (DOB 1/8/70), of South Clinton Avenue, and Damien Johnson AKA Hannibal (DOB 5/31/76), of Chestnut Avenue, with one count of murder, two counts of first-degree felony murder, two counts of first-degree robbery, one count of second-degree burglary and one count of second-degree possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose. If convicted, each defendant could face life in prison.

The two unrelated defendants entered the back door of 1429 South Clinton Avenue, Trenton, on December 1, 2008, and demanded money from the multiple individuals in the living room. Costanzo was shot in the face. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Johnson and Johnson were charged with Costanzo's murder on January 30, 2009, as a result of an investigation conducted by Trenton police and detectives with the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office.

Both men remain in the Mercer County Correction Center in lieu of \$750,000 bail each.

Assistant Prosecutor Al Garcia 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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