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**Seven Alleged Members of Sex Money Murder Charged with
First-Degree Conspiracy to Commit Murder; Three Charged
with Murder**

TRENTON – Mercer County Prosecutor Joseph L. Bocchini Jr. announced today that seven Trenton men have been charged with conspiring to shoot rival gang members at a crowded city block party that resulted in the death of 13-year-old Tamrah Leonard. The indictment charges three of those men, Lamar Warren, Keith Warren and Bernard Baines, with murder for the June 2009 shooting.

The violent crimes contained in the grand jury indictment occurred on June 7, 2009, when Leonard was one of more than 100 people in attendance at a city block party at Martin Luther King Boulevard and Rossell Avenue. The late afternoon drive-by shooting was ordered by Sex Money Murder members in retaliation for the shooting of fellow gang member Emmanuel Murray the prior evening. Murray, 27, was shot in the leg in the Wilbur section of the city and SMM members believed members of the Gangster Killer Bloods set were responsible.

SMM leader James James and others met June 7 at 175 Walnut Avenue to discuss reprisal. James sent Rashead Miller to look for GKB members at the party. When Miller reported back to James that rivals were there, James sent the Warren brothers and Baines to open fire into the crowd. More than 20 shell casings were found at the scene. The three men were armed with weapons given to them by Robert Humphrey while Michael Jennings disposed of the guns after the shooting.

Bocchini praised the outstanding work of the Trenton Police Department's Criminal Investigations Bureau, Mercer County Prosecutor's detectives and the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force in the investigation and apprehension of the seven men.

“This was an incredibly difficult case to work with very little solid information available at the onset,” Bocchini stated. “Investigators and prosecutors were tenacious and worked many hours and different angles to identify and arrest those responsible for Tamrah’s senseless death.”

The eight-count indictment, returned September 10, charges Lamar Warren, 19, Keith Warren, 22, Baines, 19, James James, 21, Robert Humphrey, 22, Michael Jennings, 28, and Rashead Miller, 32, with one count each of first-degree conspiracy to commit murder and second-degree conspiracy to commit aggravated assault.

The Warren brothers and Baines are additionally charged with one count each of first-degree murder. James, Humphrey, Jennings and Miller are additionally charged with two counts each of promoting organized street crime for conspiring with others as organizers, supervisors or managers to commit the crimes of murder and aggravated assault. All four held some level of leadership status within the gang.

All seven men are charged with weapon possession.

Baines, who was 17 at the time of the murder, was waived from Family Court and charged as an adult on June 30, 2010. Each of the seven defendants remains in jail in lieu of \$1 million bail.

Deputy First Assistant Prosecutor Doris M. Galuchie and Assistant Prosecutor Stephanie Katz are prosecuting the case.

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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