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Homicide at Princeton House

The Mercer County Prosecutor's Office and the Princeton Township Police Department are investigating a homicide that occurred late Thursday evening at Princeton House, 905 Herrontown Road.

Township police were called out to Princeton House, a behavioral health unit of Princeton HealthCare System, at approximately 11 p.m. Thursday evening. Upon arrival they learned that the victim, a 69-year-old man, had been beaten. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The victim's name is being withheld pending next-of-kin notification.

The victim's roommate at Princeton House, 18-year-old Michael Leal of New Brunswick, was taken into custody and charged with murder. His bail was set at \$500,000 and he is currently being lodged in the Mercer County Correction Center.

The investigation is ongoing. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

The case is being investigated by Detective Robert Crusen of the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office and Detective Annette Henderson of the Princeton Township Police Department. The New Jersey State Police Crime Scene Unit processed the scene.

Despite having been charged, all persons are presumed innocent until found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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