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Two Men Indicted for 2017 Pemberton Township Fatal Shooting

Burlington County Prosecutor Scott Coffina announced that two Pemberton Township residents have been indicted for the fatal shooting of a 24-year-old man in the township's Sunbury Village neighborhood in early 2017.

Brandon A. Clifton, 20, of the 400 block of White Pine Court, and Douglas Lewis, 23, of Fort Dix Road, were indicted on charges of Murder (First Degree), Conspiracy to Commit Murder (First Degree), Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose (Second Degree), Unlawful Possession of a Weapon (Second Degree), Aggravated Assault (Second Degree) and Certain Persons Not to Possess Weapons (Second Degree).

The indictment was returned on April 16 and signed by Prosecutor Coffina. An arraignment will be scheduled soon in Superior Court.

The investigation began when officers from the Pemberton Township Police Department were dispatched to the 100 block of Kinsley Road on March 21, 2017, just before 9 p.m., for a report of shots fired. Upon arrival, officers discovered Shaquille Williams, who lived in the Browns Mills section of the township, inside of a vehicle with several gunshot wounds. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Lewis has been held in the Burlington County Jail in Mount Holly since his arrest in August 2018. Clifton, who was charged in February, is presently incarcerated in the state prison system on an unrelated charge.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecutor Bob VanGilst, supervisor of the BCPO Major Crimes Unit – Violent Crimes Section. Lewis was previously indicted for the murder of Williams. This indictment supersedes that action and will allow Assistant Prosecutor VanGilst to prosecute Lewis and Clifton together.

The case was investigated by detectives from the Pemberton Township Police Department and the Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Unit – Violent Crimes Section, and Crime Scene Unit. The lead investigators were BCPO MCU Detective Tony Luyber and Pemberton Township Police Detective Danielle Hann. The lead crime scene investigator was BCPO Detective Tim Horne.

All persons are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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