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Two Charged in Connection to Willingboro Fatal Shooting

Burlington County Prosecutor Scott Coffina and Willingboro Township Police Department Acting Public Safety Director Captain Ian Bucs announced that a 21-year-old Beverly City man has been charged with the fatal shooting of a teenager earlier this month in the parking lot of a Willingboro shopping center.

Knowah Crowderparham, of the 600 block of Elizabeth Street, was charged with Murder (First Degree), Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose (Second Degree), Unlawful Possession of a Weapon (Second Degree), Possession of a Firearm (Second Degree), two counts of Certain Persons Not to Have Weapons (Second Degree), Endangering an Injured Victim (Third Degree) and Conspiracy (Third Degree).

Crowderparham was taken into custody Wednesday on the third-degree charges and lodged in the Burlington County Jail in Mount Holly. The homicide and weapons charges were filed today. A detention hearing will be scheduled soon in Superior Court, and the case will be prepared for presentation to a grand jury for possible indictment.

The investigation began February 11 when officers from the Willingboro Township Police Department were called to the Kennedy Plaza in the 400 block of John F. Kennedy Way just after 7:30 p.m. for a report of a shooting. Upon arrival, they found the body of Adam Janson, 19, in the parking lot in front of a pizza shop.

The investigation revealed that Janson, who was known to reside in the Burlington City/Burlington Township area, got into a vehicle with Crowderparham and Alexa Hess, 19, of Burlington City. An argument ensued and Crowderparham shot Janson as he attempted to exit the vehicle.

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The investigation further revealed that after the shooting, Crowderparham and Hess, who was the driver, went to a nearby residence and cleaned the vehicle.

Hess was charged with Endangering an Injured Victim (Third Degree), Conspiracy (Third Degree), Hindering (Third Degree), Obstructing the Administration of Law (Fourth Degree) and Tampering with Physical Evidence (Fourth Degree). She was taken into custody on February 13 and lodged Atlantic County Justice Facility in Mays Landing pending a detention hearing in Superior Court. The charges against Hess will also be presented to a grand jury for possible indictment.

The investigation is being conducted by the Prosecutor's Office and the Willingboro Township Police Department. The lead investigators are BCPO Detectives Jenn Marchese and Kevin Merrigan, and WTPD Detective Monica Pogorzelski.

The defendants will be prosecuted by BCPO Assistant Prosecutor Jamie Hutchinson.

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

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