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UPDATE DECEMBER 8, 2020

As a result of the on-going investigation, the following charges have been filed against Mr. Petersen: first degree murder, third degree possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose, and fourth degree unlawful taking by means of conveyance. Mr. Petersen remains incarcerated in Pennsylvania pending extradition.

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NEWTON MAN ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE

Hunterdon County Acting Prosecutor Michael J. Williams, Chief of Detectives Frank R. Crisologo, and Chief Chris Cane of the Delaware Township Police Department announced an arrest resulting from a homicide investigation.

According to Acting Prosecutor Williams, "On December 6, 2020, at approximately 9:13 p.m., officers from the Delaware Township Police Department responded to an emergency call within the Township. Upon arrival, they discovered that the victim's friends had transported her to a local hospital in Mercer County where she succumbed to her injuries. As a result of the investigation, Brandon Petersen, age 31 of Newton, NJ, was arrested in Pennsylvania. That investigation is ongoing, and charges are pending. Updates will be provided as new information becomes available."

Acting Prosecutor Williams stated that "at no point during this incident was there any threat to the public. Our hearts and prayers go out to the family and friends of the victim."

The filing of a criminal complaint is merely a step in the criminal justice process. The defendant is presumed innocent until the matter is resolved in a court of law.

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