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***FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE***

**HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION, VICTIM THOMAS SMITH, III (AGE 20)**

**STATE V. JEQUISE R. FORREST**

**STATE V. ALONZO E. MINCEY**

**STATE V. JERRAMIAH MICHAEL**

**UPDATE 8/18/25;** At approximately 12:20 pm all three defendants (Forrest, Mincey and Michael) were apprehended at an apartment located in the Amity Heights apartment complex in Bridgeton, NJ by personnel from the Millville Police Department and the Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office with the assistance of the Bridgeton Police Department and the New Jersey State Police Fugitive Unit.

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Prosecutor Jennifer Webb-McRae announces:

Correction: Event occurred on Friday, August 15, 2025.

The Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office and the Millville Police Department are investigating a homicide that occurred on Friday, August 15, 2025, at approximately 6:53 P.M.. On that date, the Millville Police Department responded to the area of High & Oak Streets in Millville for a male individual suffering from a gunshot wound to the head. It was later learned that the victim, who was identified as Thomas Smith, III (age 20), was shot and succumbed to his injuries shortly thereafter.

Investigators were able to identify three individuals involved in the shooting death of Smith. As a result of the investigation, the following individuals were criminally charged for the murder of Thomas Smith, III:

**Jequise R. Forrest (age 19) of Green St., Millville.**

- 1<sup>st</sup> degree Conspiracy to Commit Murder, N.J.S.A. 2C:5-2a & 2C:11-3a(1),(2)

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***\*If this press release involves the charging, accusation or indictment of a criminal defendant, same is merely an accusation. The defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.***

- 1<sup>st</sup> degree Murder, N.J.S.A. 2C:11-3a(1),(2)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> degree Conspiracy to Commit Aggravated Assault, N.J.S.A. 2C:5-2a & 2C:12-1b(1)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> degree Aggravated Assault, N.J.S.A. 2C:5-2a & 2C:12-1b(1)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> degree Possession of a Weapon for Unlawful Purpose, N.J.S.A. 2C:39-4a(1)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> degree Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5b(1)
- 4<sup>th</sup> degree Possession of High-Capacity Magazine, N.J.S.A. 2C:39-3J

**Alonzo E. Mincey (age 19) of Laurel St., Vineland.**

- 1<sup>st</sup> degree Conspiracy to Commit Murder, N.J.S.A. 2C:5-2a & 2C:11-3a(1),(2)
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**Jerramiah J. Michael (age 19) of Charles St., Bridgeton.**

- 1<sup>st</sup> degree Conspiracy to Commit Murder, N.J.S.A. 2C:5-2a & 2C:11-3a(1),(2)
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- 2<sup>nd</sup> degree Conspiracy to Commit Aggravated Assault, N.J.S.A. 2C:5-2a & 2C:12-1b(1)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> degree Aggravated Assault, N.J.S.A. 2C:5-2a & 2C:12-1b(1)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> degree Possession of a Weapon for Unlawful Purpose, N.J.S.A. 2C:39-4a(1)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> degree Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5b(1)

Millville Detective John Butschky and CCPO Detective Dalton Scola are the case agents for the investigation.

The investigation remains ongoing. Despite ongoing efforts to locate Forrest, Mincey and Michael, they remain at large and should be considered armed and dangerous. Anyone with information about their whereabouts should not approach them and should contact law enforcement. Individuals may submit tips online (and anonymously) from any computer, tablet or smartphone at CCPO.TIPS.