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Locust Street Shooting Update

The Mercer County Homicide Task Force and the Trenton Police Department continue to investigate a weekend shooting in the city.

At approximately 12:23 a.m. on August 30, 2026, Trenton patrol units were dispatched to the 100 block of Locust Street on a shooting in progress. Responding officers located several adult victims who were ultimately all transported to Capital Health Regional Medical Center either by ambulance or private vehicle. In total, 10 individuals suffered gunshot wounds. Two of those victims were pronounced dead. They have been identified as Anthony Howlett, 42, and Tyasiah West, 33. Both victims resided in Trenton.

Eight other victims, two women and six men ranging in age from 23 to 43, sustained shooting injuries. Four of those victims have been treated and released. Three men, ages 23, 29 and 32, remain hospitalized in critical condition. A 42-year-old woman remains hospitalized in stable condition.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that a large block party attended by approximately 100 people was being held in the 100 block of Locust Street. Multiple suspects walked up to the party and began to fire into the crowd. The scene encompassed the entire 100 block of Locust Street and more than 50 spent shell casings were located. Multiple vehicles were struck by gunfire. The scene was processed by Trenton Police Department's Crime Scene Unit and officers from the Ewing Police Department responded to assist with crowd control. HTF detectives are reviewing surveillance footage and attempting to locate helpful witnesses.

No arrests have been made and the investigation is ongoing. Law enforcement is seeking assistance and information from our community partners. Mercer County Prosecutor Janetta D. Marbreay urges anyone with information to contact MCHTF Detective Jennifer

Eyster at (609) 789-7346. Tips and cell phone video captured immediately before or during the shooting incident can also be submitted anonymously online at mercercountyprosecutor.com/tips.

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