

Plainfield pair indicted for fatal shooting

A Union County grand jury has returned a 12-count indictment against two men charged in connection with a fatal shooting that took place in Plainfield a little more than two years ago, acting Union County Prosecutor Michael A. Monahan announced Monday.

Najee McCoy, 31, and Khasim Green, 39, were indicted on charges of first-degree murder, first-degree felony murder, first-degree robbery, and two second-degree weapons offenses. McCoy was additionally indicted on a second-degree certain persons weapons offense, while Green was also indicted on a charge of third-degree unlawful taking of a means of conveyance.

Shortly before 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 1, 2016, Plainfield Police Division patrol units responding to a report of an unresponsive male on the 100 block of Netherwood Avenue in Plainfield found 35-year-old Al-Muakhkhir Kearney of Newark at that location, according to Union County Assistant Prosecutor Armando Suarez, who is prosecuting the case. Kearney was rushed to JFK Medical Center in Edison, where he was pronounced dead about an hour later, Suarez said.

A joint investigation by the Union County Homicide Task Force, Plainfield Police Division, Union County Sheriff's Office Crime Scene Unit, and Union County Police Department Ballistics Unit resulted in McCoy and Green being identified as suspects in the case.

Anyone with information about this matter still is being urged to contact Homicide Task Force Sgt. Johnny Ho at 908-403-8271 or Detective William Guy at 908-347-2212.

Convictions on criminal charges of this nature are commonly

punishable by 30 years to life in state prison.

These criminal charges are mere accusations. Each defendant is presumed innocent unless and until convicted in a court of law.