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**QUEENS RESIDENT CAPTURED AND CHARGED WITH MURDER
IN SHOOTING DEATH OF MAN KILLED IN SOUTH OZONE PARK**
*Defendant Apprehended by the Regional Fugitive Task Force in Nassau County;
Faces Up to 25 Years to Life in Prison if Convicted*

Acting Queens District Attorney John M. Ryan announced today that a 38-year-old resident of South Ozone Park, Queens, wanted in connection with the death of a man shot once in the chest on August 30, 2019, has been apprehended in neighboring Nassau County and is now facing both murder and weapons charges.

Acting District Attorney Ryan said, “This was a directed hit on a young man who was just 29 years old. After allegedly shooting the victim once in the chest, the defendant fled the scene and the county in an attempt to escape justice. But, he is back in our jurisdiction thanks to the great work of the Regional Fugitive Task Force and he will now be held accountable for this alleged act of senseless gun violence in our community.”

The District Attorney’s Office identified the defendant as Tevin Jackson, 38, of 127th Street in the South Ozone Park section of Queens. The defendant was apprehended Tuesday in Oyster Bay, Long Island. Today, the defendant was arraigned before Queens Criminal Court Judge Michael Gaffey on a complaint charging him with 1 count of second-degree murder and 2 counts of second-degree criminal possession of a weapon. Judge Gaffey remanded the defendant and set his return date for October 9, 2019. If convicted, Jackson faces up to 25 years to life in prison.

According to the charges, said Acting District Attorney Ryan, around 10:30 p.m. on August 30, 2019, the defendant approached the victim as he walked along Rockaway Boulevard near 135th Street. Tyrell Rice, who is commonly known by the nickname “Shots Fired” was shot once in the chest and died as a result of the injury.

The investigation was conducted by members of the New York City Police Department. Also assisting in the investigation were Assistant District Attorneys Kristin J. Papadopoulos and Suzanne M. Bettis, of the District Attorney’s Homicide Investigations Bureau.

The case will be prosecuted by the District Attorney’s Homicide Trials Bureau under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Brad L. Leventhal, Bureau Chief, John W. Kosinski, Deputy Bureau Chief and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney for Major Crimes Daniel A. Saunders.

It should be noted that a criminal complaint is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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