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MAYS LANDING— An Atlantic County Grand Jury indicted two Pleasantville teens on Tuesday afternoon for felony murder, robbery, aggravated assault, conspiracy and weapons offenses, in connection with the December death of a mentally challenged man whose body was found in the tidal marshes along Leeds Avenue in Pleasantville on Christmas night, Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced today.

It is alleged that Shabani Saunders, 17, and Kisheen Greene, 16, killed Kenneth Mack, 42, of 1 Oyster Bay in Absecon. In addition to the other counts in the indictment, the Grand Jury indicted Saunders on one count of aggravated manslaughter because it is alleged that he acted alone in throwing the victim into the water as part of the assault, according to Assistant Prosecutor Curt Baker who presented the case to the grand jury.

Acting on information, Pleasantville police responded to the 200 block of Leeds Avenue at 7:45 p.m. on Dec. 25, where they discovered a body of a man later identified as the decedent in the marsh. Mack was last seen in the area of Linden Avenue and Leeds Avenue on Dec. 14. A family member contacted police and reported him missing that same night.

Atlantic County Medical Examiner Dr. Hydow Park performed an autopsy and determined Mack suffered sudden cardiac death associated with being assaulted and thrown in the frigid water.

Following the State's filing of a motion to move the matter to the Superior Court Criminal Division, Saunders and Greene went before a Family Court Judge and voluntarily waived jurisdiction to Adult Court.

Felony murder, which is the most serious count in the indictment, is a crime of the first-degree and carries a maximum prison sentence of 30 years to life and up to \$200,000 in fines.

***The indictment is merely an accusation. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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