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SHERIFF ANNOUNCES ARREST OF MURDER FUGITIVE IN EASTAMPTON

Suspect in Staten Island Shooting Nabbed Without Incident

A 31-year-old Staten Island, NY man wanted on murder charges in New York was arrested in Eastampton this morning by the Burlington County Sheriff Department Warrant Unit and the New York/New Jersey US Marshal Task Force, according to Sheriff Jean E. Stanfield.

Stanfield said that the suspect, Richard Mitchell, was wanted on 2nd degree murder charges stemming from the early morning shooting death of a 17-year-old high school student outside a Staten Island deli on June 13, 2010.

Following an investigation, Sheriff Detectives, accompanied by members of the U.S. Marshal's Fugitive Task Force, tracked Mitchell down at the apartment of a relative in Eastampton Condos, where he surrendered without incident.

"This was a solid cooperative effort between law enforcement agencies, at the Federal, State and County level," said Stanfield.

Mitchell was arraigned before Superior Court Judge Jeanne Covert. He waived extradition and was being immediately returned to New York to face charges.

According to reports, the victim, Jenice Clark, also of Staten Island, had gathered with other teenagers outside the deli about 3 AM, when she was shot.

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