

# Teenager charged in drive-by slaying

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**Newburgh** – It took just one bullet to end Trent Zachary's young life on the rough streets of Newburgh.

Just one week after the senseless killing – the second fatal shooting in Newburgh in a two-week period – a 17-year-old boy is under arrest, charged with murder in Zachary's death.

Cleveland Terrell Ferrell of Newburgh was arrested Saturday by city police and investigators from the state police Bureau of Criminal Investigations.

Ferrell was charged with second-degree murder, a felony. Police said Ferrell shot Zachary from a vehicle March 13 as the 19-year-old sat on the porch of a house at 15 City Terrace with

a group of friends.

Zachary, whose street nickname was "Triggaman," was shot once in the chest and died a short time later at the Newburgh campus of St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital.

Police say the vehicle was driven by Rudley Brown Jr., 17, who was arrested Friday and charged with second-degree criminal facilitation, a felony.

Zachary's killing shocked the community. Crowds of concerned neighbors, family and friends set up a memorial at the scene of the shooting and gathered in front of St. Luke's and Newburgh police headquarters, demanding answers.

Rumors flew as family members told reporters men with guns were allegedly searching for Zachary's killers.

It was the second brutal killing to strike the troubled city in the first two

weeks of March. On March 5, Jose "Papi" Morales, 68, a Honduran immigrant and father of 13, was gunned down in a William Street bodega.

Two other shootings this month and a police chase that ended in the death of 16-year-old Dionte Jones have residents and city leaders on edge.

Zachary's own brother is in prison, serving time for manslaughter.

Last week, City Manager Jean Ann McGrane called an emergency meeting with elected officials, seeking additional help from law enforcement to stem the tide of violence.

Police said Brown was arraigned and sent to the Orange County Jail on \$35,000 cash bail or \$50,000 bond.

Police did not release arraignment or bail information for Ferrell and could not be reached yesterday for further comment on the case.