

Suspect Wanted in Vehicular Homicide Arrested

East Orange – An application for a gun permit led to the arrest last night of a suspect wanted for leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident that resulted in death.

Sheriff Armando Fontoura stated that detectives conducted a surveillance operation at 158 Glenwood Avenue, East Orange, late yesterday. After waiting for five hours at the darkened house, a car pulled up, a man and a woman exited a vehicle and house lights went on. .

Sheriff Fontoura said that Jeffrey Adams, age 44, was wanted on a Hudson County Grand Jury warrant for a vehicular accident that resulted in death, issued on January 14, 2010, and was taken into custody at his residence by sheriff's officers.

According to Hudson County law enforcement officials, Adams is accused of crashing his 2003 BMW Model 745 into the passenger side of a 2007 Toyota Scion at 2:45 a.m. on July 6, 2008 at the intersection of Grand and Center streets in Jersey City. Adams then fled the scene of the accident.

Isabel Cabrera, age 76, of Jersey City died as a result of the injuries she suffered during the crash.

Fontoura added that Adams attempted to apply for a gun permit at New Jersey Firearms Guild, a gun shop, located on St. Georges Avenue in Rahway on Friday, January 22, 2010.

“Adams filled out the card for the gun permit,” the sheriff noted. “Procedurally, the clerk forwarded his name and address to the New Jersey State Police for a criminal records check through the National Instant Check System. With a warrant for his arrest in the system, many red flags appeared and Rahway police were dispatched to the gun shop.”

Sensing an unusual delay in his gun permit approval, Adams left the gun shop before police arrived.

“With the information Adams left on his gun permit application it was only a matter of time before he was captured,” Fontoura said.

Following his arrest by sheriff's detectives, Adams was lodged in the Essex County Correctional Facility where he awaits transfer to Hudson County.