

# City teen indicted in death

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A city teen has been indicted for killing a grandmother during a botched robbery.

An Essex County grand jury indicted Amir Johnson, 18, of Orange for the murder of Luz Hernandez, a 69-year-old Orange grandmother. Johnson has been charged with five offenses in the Oct. 22, 2010 death of Hernandez.

“He was also indicted on felony murder, burglary, robbery and receiving stolen property charges,” said Acting Essex County Prosecutor Carolyn Murray. “If convicted of all the charges, Johnson would face life in prison.”

Police said that Johnson entered the Hernandez home on Flagg Street in Orange and stole a television, a gun, and a cell phone.

“It is believed Johnson encountered Ms. Hernandez and killed her on the afternoon of Oct. 22, 2010 by asphyxiation,” Murray said. “Johnson, who fled the state, was arrested in a bus depot in Norfolk, Va.”