

Man [**Halfway House Inmate**] runs car into group outside Newark bar, killing one

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A 30-year-old man drove a car into a group of people standing outside a Newark bar early Saturday morning, killing one woman and injuring four others, police said.

Police arrested Wilquan Williams of Irvington, charging him with murder and several other counts, said Newark Detective Todd McClendon. The 1 a.m. incident happened outside Tremont Lounge, at Tremont Avenue and Halstead Street.

Williams had been thrown out of the same bar a short time before, police said.

Killed was 20-year-old Rasheena McCray of Newark, who was standing outside the Tremont Lounge with others when police say Williams drove a 1998 Cadillac DeVille into the group. The car belonged to a friend, police said.

Williams, **who lives in a halfway house in Irvington**, was scheduled to be at work that evening but instead went to the Tremont Lounge, police said. He was told to leave after walking into the women's bathroom, McClendon said.

Once outside, Williams got behind the wheel of the Cadillac and intentionally drove into the bystanders, police said. Williams fled the scene on foot but was arrested after police tracked him to his halfway house on Lyons Avenue in Irvington.

McCray died a short time after being taken to University Hospital, police said. Conditions on the other four injured, also taken to the hospital, were not known.

Williams had been completing his sentence for unspecified weapons charges in Union County. Now, in addition to murder, he is also charged with four counts of aggravated assault, possession of a weapon (the car), and possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose.

McCray's death marks the fourth homicide in Newark this year compared to 14 during the same period last year, police said.