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THE 76ERS, DOWN 2-0 IN THE EASTERN CONFERENCE PLAYOFFS, ANNOUNCED THEY WILL TRY TO WARD OFF KNICK FANS BY RESTRICTING TICKETS TO THOSE IN THE GREATER PHILADELPHIA AREA. **F1**

WOODBIDGE

Disturbing details emerge after rare indictment in police-involved shooting

The case has brought scrutiny to the Woodbridge officer who pulled the trigger — and the domestic abuser he killed.

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The judge had a stark warning for the domestic abuser who sat before him.

When you finish your latest stint in prison, he told Aamir Allen, leave that woman alone.

Move away if you have to. Start a new life. But don't let it happen again.

"Please remember all of this," Superior Court Judge Pedro Jimenez told the Carteret man in 2023. "Please remember all of this so that you never come back. Give yourself a better shot, OK?"

Jimenez's cautionary words came as Allen pleaded guilty in yet another domestic run-in in Woodbridge, after he was charged with smashing up the home of a woman he had once beaten so badly, she had bleeding on her brain. On probation for that 2021 assault, Allen received three years in prison from Jimenez, just the latest of restraining order violations and convictions for domestic violence and fighting with police.

But last year, only six months after Allen was released from prison, he had yet another violent encounter with a woman. Only this one cost him his life — and led to aggravated manslaughter charges against the Woodbridge police officer who killed him.

Court records and hearing audio offer new details about the troubled past of the 35-year-old Allen, whose shooting on May 29, 2025, off a dark, rainswept street drew little controversy at the time, with none of the public protests or calls for justice that often follow those deaths.

Allen was killed as he wielded a baseball bat as officers surrounded him, with his obituary running only 58 words and listing not a single mourner by name. Yet **SEE WOODBRIDGE, A7**

Editor's Note: Reach the New Jersey Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-572-SAFE (7233). Reach the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or text LOVEIS to 22522.



Woodbridge police Sgt. Marco G. Bruno is charged with aggravated manslaughter in the death of Aamir Allen, 35, of Carteret, seen above. Screenshot/police body camera video



Bruno appears in Superior Court of Union County in April. Chris Pedota, for NJ.com

REGION

'Zombie pipeline' lands final OK despite backlash

But project faces challenges in state and federal courts.

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A state environmental panel on Wednesday approved the final license an energy developer needs to build a controversial \$1 billion underwater natural gas pipeline project between New Jersey and New York, over the objections of dozens of environmentalists, public health experts, elected officials, residents, boaters, fishing enthusiasts and others.

Critics have dubbed energy developer Williams' proposed 37-mile Northeast Supply Enhancement pipeline the "zombie pipeline" because previous permit denials in 2018, 2019 and 2020 killed the project. But the company reapplied to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in May 2025, the commission approved the project in August, and state regulators in New Jersey and New York green-lighted it in November.

Wednesday, seven members of the Tidelands Resource Council unanimously approved a utility license Williams needs to construct the pipeline, which company officials say will expand capacity for the national grid. (The 12-member council has one vacancy and four members were absent.)

The approval came at the end of a nearly five-hour virtual public hearing, where only two people besides Williams officials spoke in support of the plan. More than 50 others blasted it, shouting "shame!" after the council approved it and calling council members "maggots," "criminal" and "disgusting" in the meeting's chat thread.

The license was the last regulatory hurdle Williams had to clear for construction of the pipeline, which will deliver gas from Pennsylvania to Long Island via Old Bridge, Sayreville, South Amboy and under the Raritan Bay in the New York-New Jersey Harbor. It would be part of a larger interstate network known as the Transcontinental pipeline, or Transco.

Despite the license approval, the project's fate remains uncertain because its opponents have challenged it in state and **SEE REGION, A2**

TRANSPORTATION

NJ Transit reduces controversial cost of World Cup ride to the Meadowlands

Sponsorships help lower the original \$150 price.

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NJ Transit plans to reduce round-trip train ticket prices for the World Cup by 30% after initially setting them at \$150.

Daily ticket prices to ride by train to the international soccer tournament will be cut by \$45 to \$105 after support from "sponsorships and other sources" helped offset the higher prices, according to a statement from NJ Transit.

A spokesman said New Jersey Gov. Mikie

Sherrill "has been clear that FIFA should contribute to transport its fans to World Cup games."

"Since it hasn't, she directed NJ Transit to seek private and non-taxpayer dollars to significantly reduce the fare," spokesman Steve Sigmund said in a statement. "The Governor appreciates all the companies that have already stepped up to lower the costs for ticket holders."

In a statement, NJ Transit officials said Sherrill was committed to avoiding burdening commuters and taxpayers with FIFA-related transportation costs.

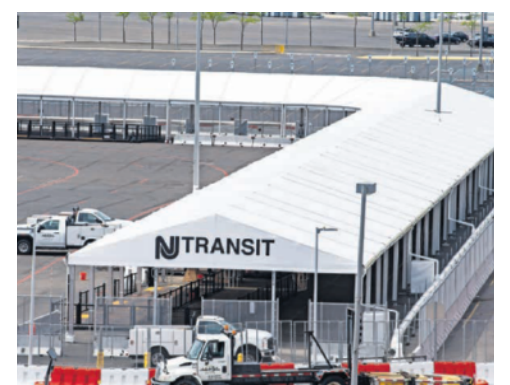
"Understanding how important it is for New Jersey to showcase the state to the world, (Gov. Sherrill) asked NJ TRANSIT to

find private sponsorships and other sources to reduce the cost of the ticket," the state's rail and bus agency said. "I am pleased we are able to reduce the price by at least 30% and bring the cost down to \$105 per ticket."

The controversial \$150 prices for a round trip between Penn Station and MetLife Stadium, where several World Cup matches are being held, were announced in April by NJ Transit officials.

The high cost was expected to help cover NJ Transit's \$48 million in expenses to shuttle people to and from games, President and CEO Kris Kolluri said at the time.

Those expenses were brought down from \$62 million with a federal grant and a grant **SEE TRANSPORTATION, A2**



NJ Transit signage is assembled on the grounds of MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford. John Jones, for NJ.com

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