

2B:12-17.2.2 Death or serious bodily injury; jurisdiction of superior and municipal courts; procedural guidelines for prosecution of certain offenses

a. In any matter concerning Title 39 of the Revised Statutes where death or serious bodily injury has occurred, regardless of whether the death or serious bodily injury is an element of the offense or violation, the Superior Court shall have exclusive jurisdiction over the offense or violation until such time that the Superior Court transfers the matter to the municipal court. For the purposes of this section, the term "serious bodily injury" shall have the meaning set forth in subsection b. of [N.J.S.2C:11-1](#).

b. The Attorney General may develop guidelines establishing procedures to be followed for prosecutions involving violations of [N.J.S.2C:11-4](#), [N.J.S.2C:11-5](#) or section 1 of P.L.1997, c. 111 (C.2C:11-5.1) or criminal offenses involving serious bodily injury and underlying motor vehicle offenses arising from the same incident consistent with the provisions of P.L.2006, c.28 (C.2B:12-17.2 et al.).

2C:11-1. Definitions

In [chapters 11](#) through [15](#), unless a different meaning plainly is required:

b. "Serious bodily injury" means bodily injury which creates a substantial risk of death or which causes serious, permanent disfigurement, or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ;