



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Defendant Indicted on Two Counts of Attempted Murder in the First Degree**

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PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes announces that the Grand Jury of Passaic County has indicted Charles Jackson of Paterson on two counts of Attempted Murder in the First Degree, Criminal Restraint in the Third Degree and related weapons charges for allegedly stabbing his former girlfriend 18 times and his girlfriend's aunt 7 times and then refusing to let them leave their apartment.

Charles Jackson was arrested by the Paterson Police Department on November 17, 2009. It is alleged that while he was visiting his girlfriend at her home, the defendant attacked her with a meat cleaver, steak knife, knife sharpener and scissors about the face and neck area. He then allegedly attacked his girlfriend's aunt with a meat cleaver as she came to the aid of her niece. The alleged assaults took place in the presence of an 8 year old child. Upon the arrival of the police, the defendant jumped out of the victims' second story window-breaking both of his wrists.

The defendant is currently in Passaic County Jail on a \$1,000,000 cash bail and will be arraigned in March before the Honorable Marilyn C. Clark, Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division. The matter will be prosecuted by the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office Domestic Violence Unit.