



# NEWS RELEASE

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## PATERSON POLICE INVOLVED IN SHOOTING

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PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

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To members of the media:

Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes announces that at approximately 3:30 pm on Friday April 16, 2010, the Paterson Police Department received a call from Bridgeway Rehabilitation Center in Little Falls concerning a patient, David Elcock (D.O.B. 11-26-81). It was reported that Elcock was in possession of a handgun at his home at 365 East 25th St., Paterson, N.J. and had expressed his intention to shoot at someone so that he might in turn be shot and killed. Paterson P.D. deployed their Hostage Negotiation Team as well as their Emergency Response Team as it was reported that family members were in the home. A perimeter was established around the residence and the team was in the process of gathering information from the crisis team caseworker regarding Elcock's condition and prior case history. Elcock suddenly ran from the home to the area of East 24th St and 9th Avenue. Civilian witnesses observed Elcock in possession of a handgun which he brandished in view of multiple police units. Those witnesses also heard officers repeatedly ordering Elcock to drop the weapon. Elcock fired one shot from his 9mm handgun at the group of 12 officers who returned fire. He was seen by witnesses ducking behind a vehicle, attempting to cock the weapon when he was struck by multiple rounds. Elcock expired at the scene. An autopsy will be conducted today. A loaded 9mm handgun and one spent 9mm shell casing were found in close proximity to the decedent. The Passaic County Prosecutor's Office Shooting Response Team is conducting the investigation of the incident. The investigation is ongoing. Any questions should be directed to Chief Assistant Prosecutor John Latoracca. He can be reached at [Jlatoracca@passaiccountynj.org](mailto:Jlatoracca@passaiccountynj.org).