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PATERSON MAN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE SHOOTING DEATH OF NAVY VETERAN

PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes announced the arrest of Quashaun Harris, age 19, of 407 10th Avenue, Paterson in connection with the July 18, 2010 shooting death of Navy Veteran Latiea Boyer, age 29.

Harris had previously been arrested and charged with two counts of attempted murder, weapons offenses and aggravated assault in connection with a July 8, 2010 incident outside of 428 10th Avenue, Paterson. It is alleged in that case that following an earlier altercation, Harris returned to the scene with a handgun and shot one victim in the hip and left arm and another in the buttocks. He also is alleged to have pointed the firearm at a third victim. Boyer was an eyewitness to those shootings. Notwithstanding the substantial bail of \$400,000 with no 10% option set by the Court, Harris was able to post a bond in that amount and was released on bail shortly after his arrest.

On July 18, 2010, Latiea Boyer was talking to her boyfriend in front of 567 East 22nd Street in Paterson when Harris is alleged to have approached wielding a handgun. Boyer was shot eight times and was pronounced dead at the scene. The victim's boyfriend was able to flee the area unharmed. Harris was subsequently charged with murder and related weapons offenses, and surrendered to Paterson Police personnel the following day. The bail initially set in connection with the July 8th shootings has been revoked, and bail on the murder charge has been set at \$2 million – half of which must be posted in cash. Harris was arraigned on the homicide and weapons complaint before the Honorable Raymond A. Reddin, J.S.C. on July 22, 2010. The charges lodged in connection with both incidents have been referred to the Passaic County Grand Jury, whose review of the evidence is expected to occur within the coming months.

It should be noted that the charges against the defendant are merely allegations and that he is presumed innocent of the charges until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.