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PASSAIC POLICE NARCOTICS INVESTIGATION

On March 1, 2010, the Passaic Police Department Narcotics Unit was conducting an investigation involving distribution of narcotics. Pursuant to this investigation, at approximately 8:40 p.m. members of the unit stopped a Nissan Maxima motor vehicle in the area of Sherman Street, Passaic, N.J.

An attempt was made to pull over another vehicle that was a subject of this investigation, a Mercedes Benz. During this attempted motor vehicle stop, at Sheridan Avenue and Main Avenue, Clifton, N.J. gunfire was exchanged and Passaic Police Officer Barulio Barbosa was shot in his leg. Officer Barbosa was transported to St. Joseph's Hospital where he was treated and released. The Mercedes Benz fled the scene. Members of the Narcotics Unit lost sight of the Mercedes Benz. Soon thereafter, members of the Narcotics Unit observed smoke coming from the vicinity of Clifton Avenue and 2nd Street in Clifton, N.J.

When police arrived at the area of Clifton Avenue and 2nd Street they observed that the Mercedes Benz had collided with a Dodge Ram pickup truck. It was determined that the driver of the Dodge pickup truck sustained non-life threatening injuries but that the passenger had died. An autopsy of the passenger will be conducted on March 2, 2010.

During the investigation, approximately \$290,000 and six kilograms of cocaine were recovered.

The following individuals were charged:

Calvin Raines, D.O.B. 12-09-70, of Petersburg, Virginia.

Raines is charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance, possession of a controlled dangerous substance with intent to distribute, possession of a controlled dangerous substance with intent to distribute within 1000 feet of a school zone and being a fugitive from justice.

Marquel Brown, D.O.B. 7-29-75, of Petersburg, Virginia.

Brown is charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance, possession of a controlled dangerous substance with intent to distribute, possession of a controlled dangerous substance with intent to distribute within 1000 feet of a school zone.

Raul Ramirez, D.O.B. 8-10-79, of Passaic, New Jersey.

Ramirez is charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance, possession of a controlled dangerous substance with intent to distribute, distribution of a controlled dangerous substance within 1000 feet of a school zone.

The investigation is ongoing.