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PATERSON MAN ARRESTED FOR POSSESSION OF MULTIPLE FIREARMS

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Special Agent-In-Charge Matthew Horace, Newark Field Division Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives announce the arrest of Jose L. Rodriquez, Jr., age 31, of Paterson, New Jersey, who also resides in the State of Kentucky, on eight second degree weapons offenses. The arrest is the culmination of a two-month joint investigation conducted by members of the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office, Narcotics/Gangs and Violent Crimes Task Force, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Paterson Police Department Cease Fire Unit. The investigation revealed that Rodriquez intended to sell the handguns in Paterson and that these handguns were transported to New Jersey from another state. The handguns were identified as follows: two Hi-Point .380 caliber pistols, two Hi-Point .40 caliber pistols, one Hi-Point .45 caliber pistol, one Armi Tanfoglio Giuseppe .25 caliber pistol, one Fibar .38 special caliber revolver, and one Beretta .25 caliber pistol. Rodriguez was charged with eight second degree weapons offenses. Each offense charged carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in New Jersey State Prison.

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

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