

# Press Release

## **PERSONS ARRESTED IN SHOOTING DEATH**

Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes has announced that within the last 24 hours, the investigating Detectives from the Passaic Police Department and Passaic County Prosecutor's Office Homicide Unit have arrested three adults and one juvenile in connection with the July 10<sup>th</sup> shooting death of Lateef Ojoye. Ojoye was shot once through the chest as he sat in his parked BMW near the intersection of Pine and Summer Streets in Passaic at about 10:40 p.m. last Friday. Donald Thomas, age 22, of 56 Yearance Avenue, Clifton has been charged with murder, conspiracy to commit murder, and related weapons offenses. Mark Wilson, age 22, of 212 Indiana Street, Maplewood has been charged with felony murder. Givonni Butler, age 19, of 27 Pine Street, Passaic has also been charged with felony murder. The juvenile, a 15 year-old Newark resident, has been charged with murder, conspiracy to commit murder, unlawful possession of a 9 mm handgun and possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose.

The investigation, which is continuing, has revealed that the adult suspects conspired with and assisted the juvenile suspect in attempting to commit a robbery upon Ojoye. It is alleged that when Ojoye was confronted at gunpoint and attempted to drive away from the scene, the juvenile fired the fatal shot. Anyone who may have witnessed the incident or with information, potentially helpful to the investigation is asked to contact the Passaic Police Department Detective Bureau at 973-365-3900.