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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes issues a brief statement regarding an incident that occurred on January 5, 2019, in the City of Paterson. The Passaic County Prosecutor's Office is currently investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of Jameek Lowery, age 27, of Paterson, New Jersey.

The preliminary investigation has shown that on January 5, 2019, at approximately 2:45 a.m., a caller believed to be Mr. Lowery called 911 and stated he had taken ecstasy and was paranoid. Paterson Fire Department's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) responded to his location and Mr. Lowery was transported to a local area hospital via ambulance. Mr. Lowery left the hospital sometime after becoming erratic at the hospital.

At approximately 3:42 a.m., a caller believed to be Mr. Lowery called 911 reporting that people were trying to kill him in the area of Broadway and Memorial Drive, Paterson. At approximately 3:45 a.m., Mr. Lowery entered Paterson Police Headquarters where he appeared agitated. While inside Police Headquarters, he called 911. Paterson Police requested the Fire Department EMS respond to Police Headquarters. Mr. Lowery was transported from Police Headquarters to a local area hospital via ambulance for medical treatment. Per initial reports and information, police used physical force and compliance holds to secure Mr. Lowery in the ambulance. Hospital records indicate no acute trauma. Paterson Police and Paterson Fire Department records indicate the transportation from headquarters to the hospital took approximately five to twelve minutes. Upon arrival at the hospital, Mr. Lowery was unresponsive. Mr. Lowery was pronounced dead at the local area hospital in the early morning hours of January 7, 2019.

The cause and manner of Mr. Lowery's death will be determined by the State of New Jersey Regional Medical Examiner's Office.

This is an ongoing investigation. The Passaic County Prosecutor's Office will make no further comment or public statement at this time and more information will be released when it becomes available. Media inquiries should be directed to Chief Assistant Prosecutor Mary Catherine Ryan at [mrryan@passaiccountynj.org](mailto:mrryan@passaiccountynj.org).

The Passaic County Prosecutor's Office asks anyone with additional information about this incident to contact us on our tips line at 1-877-370-PCPO or [tips@passaiccountynj.org](mailto:tips@passaiccountynj.org).