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## PASSAIC COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE - CHILD ABDUCTION RESPONSE TEAM (CART) - RECEIVES VALOR AWARD

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes announces an award honoring the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office - Child Abduction Response Team (CART) - regarding an abduction incident that occurred on May 30, 2018, resulting in an AMBER Alert issued by the New Jersey State Police.

The Valor Award was presented to the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office - Child Abduction Response Team (CART) at an event held today at Met Life Stadium by ASIS International Northern New Jersey Chapter XIII, which is the leading organization for security professionals worldwide. Founded in 1955, ASIS is dedicated to increasing the effectiveness and productivity of security professionals by developing educational programs and materials that address broad security interests, such as the ASIS Annual Seminar and Exhibits, as well as specific security topics. Formed in 1957, ASIS Northern New Jersey Chapter XIII continues to serve security professionals in Hudson, Bergen, Passaic, Essex, and Union counties in the northern New Jersey region.

The Valor Award honored the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office – CART for its response to an abduction of a 10-month-old child. On May 30, 2018, at approximately 7:00 a.m., the Paterson Police Department responded to a report of a domestic violence incident in Paterson, New Jersey, where it was reported that the child's father entered the home of his child's mother by breaking in her door. The suspect then allegedly assaulted her before taking their 10-month-old child without the mother's permission and fleeing the area in a vehicle. The child's mother sustained injuries to her face due to the assault which required medical treatment. The child was recovered unharmed at approximately 11:00 a.m., after being turned over to a third party. The suspect was then apprehended at approximately 12:00 p.m. by members of the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office – CART, New Jersey State Police Missing Persons Unit and Paterson Police Department.

Our law enforcement partners from the above agencies displayed exceptional levels of professionalism, competence, leadership, and clear thinking during a dangerous incident.

For media inquiries concerning this case, contact Chief Assistant Prosecutor Gina Pfund of the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office at [gpfund@passaiccountynj.org](mailto:gpfund@passaiccountynj.org) or (973) 837-7697.