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MOTORCYCLIST SERIOUSLY HURT IN PATERSON CRASH

PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Paterson Police Chief Troy Oswald announce that at approximately 6:23 p.m., on Thursday August 15, 2019, police responded to the intersection of 20th Avenue and Railroad Avenue in the City of Paterson in response to a reported collision between a motorcycle and a vehicle. Johnny Zea-Garay, 24 years old, of Paterson was seriously injured when the motorcycle he was operating collided with a 2008 BMW. The motorcycle, a 2017 Kawasaki, was reportedly stolen. Cristobal Gonzalez-Castella, 47 years old, also of Paterson, was the operator of the BMW. Mr. Gonzalez-Castella was not injured in the crash. Mr. Zea-Garay remains in critical condition at Saint Joseph's University Hospital in Paterson.

The investigation remains active and ongoing. More information will be released once it becomes available.

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 or contact the Paterson Police Department Traffic Bureau at 973-321-1112.

For media inquiries concerning this case, contact Senior Assistant Prosecutor Julie Serfess of the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office at jserfess@passaiccountynj.org or at (973) 837-7718.