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ARREST MADE IN CONNECTION WITH JULY 20, 2019 SHOOTING INVESTIGATION

PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Paterson Police Chief Troy Oswald announce that based upon an investigation by the Paterson Police Department, in conjunction with the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office, Nazir Carter, 20 years old, from Hackensack, New Jersey, was arrested on July 20, 2019, in relation to a shooting investigation that took place the same day in the area of Summer Street and Godwin Avenue Paterson, NJ. Mr. Carter is charged with Attempted Murder, First Degree; Unlawful Possession of a Handgun, Second Degree, Possession of a Handgun for an Unlawful Purpose, Second Degree; and Certain Person not to Have Weapons, Second Degree.

On July 20, 2019, members of the Paterson Police Department were investigating a shooting incident from earlier in the day in the area of Summer Street and Godwin Avenue when they heard gunfire near them. The officers immediately began to investigate and located 23-year-old male Paterson resident who sustained a non-fatal gunshot wound. The victim was immediately transported to St Joseph's Regional Medical Center in Paterson for treatment. Mr. Carter was arrested based on the investigation.

The sentencing exposure for Mr. Carter on First Degree Attempted Murder is 10-20 years New Jersey State Prison with 85% of the term to be served before parole pursuant to the No Early Release Act and 5 years parole supervision; on Second Degree, Unlawful Possession of a Handgun it is 5-10 years New Jersey State Prison with a minimum of 42 months before parole eligibility pursuant to the Graves Act; on Second Degree Possession of a Handgun for an Unlawful Purpose it is 5-10 years New Jersey State Prison with 42 months of parole ineligibility pursuant to the Graves Act; and on Second Degree Certain Persons Not To Have Weapons it is 5-10 years New Jersey State Prison with 5 years of parole illegibility pursuant to the Graves Act.

The State intends to file a motion for pretrial detention for Mr. Carter that will be heard by a Superior Court Judge.

A criminal complaint is merely an accusation. Despite this accusation, defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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 at 973-321-1120.

For media inquiries concerning this case, contact Chief Assistant Prosecutor Seth Galkin of the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office at sgalkin@passaiccountynj.org or at (973) 881-4849.



(Photo: Nazir Carter)