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ARREST MADE IN CONNECTION WITH JUNE 18, 2019 SHOOTING INVESTIGATION

PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Passaic Police Chief Luis A. Guzman announce that based upon an investigation by the Passaic Police Department, in conjunction with the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office, New Jersey State Police, Pennsylvania State Police, Berks County Sheriff's Department, and the U.S. Marshals Service, Juan A. Robaina-Morfa, 24 years old, from Passaic, New Jersey, was arrested on July 2, 2019 in Reading, Pennsylvania, in relation to a shooting investigation that took place June 18, 2019 in the area of Monroe Street Passaic, NJ. Mr. Robaina-Morfa is charged with Attempted Murder, First Degree (2 counts); Conspiracy to Commit Murder, First Degree; Possession of a Handgun for an Unlawful Purpose, Second Degree (2 counts); Unlawful Possession of a Handgun, Second Degree; Certain Persons Not to Have Weapons, Second Degree; Riot, Third Degree; and Resisting Arrest, Fourth Degree.

On June 18, 2019 members of the Passaic Police Department were dispatched to the area of Monroe Street on a report of a shooting. Upon arrival the police located a 14-year-old male from Passaic, N.J., who had sustained a non-fatal gunshot wound. The victim was immediately transported to Saint Joseph's Regional Medical Center in Paterson for treatment of a non-fatal gunshot wound. A second shooting victim had left the scene before the Police arrived. Based on the investigation, Mr. Robaina-Morfa was charged.

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

3-5 years New Jersey State Prison; and on Fourth Degree Resisting Arrest it is 18 months New Jersey State Prison.

Mr. Robaina-Morfa is pending an extradition hearing in Berks County Pennsylvania. The State intends to file a motion for pretrial detention in this matter that will be heard by a Superior Court Judge once Mr. Robaina-Morfa is extradited.

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 Passaic Police Department (973) 365-3900.

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: Juan Robaina-Morfa)