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**ARRESTS MADE IN CONNECTION WITH MAY 30, 2020 SHOOTING INVESTIGATION**

**PATERNON, NEW JERSEY:**  
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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes, U.S. Marshall Juan Mattos, Jr. and Paterson Police Chief Ibrahim Baycora announce that based upon an investigation by the Paterson Police Department, in conjunction with the Passaic County Prosecutor’s Office and US Marshals Service NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force - Newark Division, Elijah McQueen, 32-years-old from Paterson, New Jersey was arrested on June 25, 2020, in Piscataway, New Jersey, in relation to a shooting investigation that took place May 30, 2020, in the area of 10th Avenue and East 23rd Street Paterson, New Jersey. Elijah McQueen is charged with four counts of Attempted Murder, First Degree; Unlawful Possession of a Handgun, First Degree; Unlawful Possession of a Handgun, Second Degree; four counts Possession of a Handgun for an Unlawful Purpose, Second Degree; and Certain Persons Not to Have Weapons, Second Degree.

As part of the investigation, Elijah McQueen was also charged with Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance, Third Degree; Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance with the Intent to Distribute, Third Degree; and Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance with the Intent to Distribute within 1000’ of School Property, Third Degree.

In addition two other individuals were previously arrested in relation to the same investigation. Quicson McLeod, 38-years-old from Paterson, New Jersey, was arrested on June 13, 2020, in Paterson, New Jersey. Quicson McLeod is charged with two counts of Attempted Murder, First Degree; Unlawful Possession of a Handgun, Second Degree; two counts Possession of a Handgun for an Unlawful Purpose, Second Degree; and Certain Persons Not to Have Weapons, Second Degree.

Shamar Huntley, 28 years-old from Paterson, New Jersey, was arrested on June 15, 2020, in Paterson, New Jersey, in relation to the same investigation. Shamar Huntley is charged with two counts of Attempted Murder, First Degree; Unlawful Possession of a Handgun, Second Degree; two counts Possession of a Handgun for an Unlawful Purpose, Second Degree; Certain Persons Not to Have Weapons, Second Degree, Tampering with Physical Evidence, Fourth Degree; and Hindering Apprehension, Third Degree.
On May 30, 2020, at approximately 0124 hours, members of the Paterson Police Department responded to the area of 10th Avenue and East 23rd Street, upon a report of shots fired. Upon arrival Paterson Police Department located evidence of a crime scene and three victims on scene. The three victims were transported to St. Joseph’s Medical Center in Paterson. A fourth victim arrived at St. Joseph’s Medical Center by private transport.

Based on the investigation Elijah McQueen, Shamar Huntley, and Quicson McLeod were identified as involved parties and arrest warrants was issued.

The sentencing exposure for Elijah McQueen on each count of First Degree Attempted Murder is 10-20 years New Jersey State Prison with 85% of the term to be served before parole eligibility pursuant to the No Early Release Act and 5 years parole supervision; on First Degree Unlawful Possession of a Handgun it is 10-20 years New Jersey State Prison, 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, on Second Degree Certain Persons Not to Have Weapons it is 5-10 years New Jersey State Prison with a minimum of 5 years before parole eligibility, on Third Degree Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance it is 3-5 years New Jersey State Prison; on the Third Degree Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance with the Intent to Distribute, it is 3-5 years New Jersey State Prison; and on Third Degree Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance with the Intent to Distribute while within 1000’ of School Property it is 3-5 years New Jersey State Prison.

The sentencing exposure for Quicson McLeod on each count of First Degree Attempted Murder is 10-20 years New Jersey State Prison with 85% of the term to be served before parole eligibility 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 a minimum of 5 years before parole eligibility.

The sentencing exposure for Shamar Huntley on each count of First Degree Attempted Murder is 10-20 years New Jersey State Prison with 85% of the term to be served before parole eligibility 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, on Second Degree Certain Persons Not to Have Weapons it is 5-10 years New Jersey State Prison with a minimum of 5 years before parole eligibility, on Fourth Degree Tampering with Evidence 18 months in New Jersey State Prison, and on Third Degree Hindering Apprehension 3-5 years in New Jersey State Prison.
The State filed motions for pre-trial detention on Quicson McLeod and Shamar Huntley. Quicson McLeod consented to detention on June 18, 2020 before the Honorable Donna D. Gallucio, J.S.C. Shamar Huntley consented to detention on June 25, 2020 before the Honorable Donna D. Gallucio, J.S.C. The State has filed a motion for pretrial detention on Elijah McQueen, which 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 investigation remains active. 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 Ceasefire Unit at 973-321-1342.

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

(PHOTO: Shamar Huntley)  (PHOTO: Quicson McLeod)  (PHOTO: Elijah McQueen)