



NEWS RELEASE

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ARREST MADE IN CONNECTION WITH OCTOBER 26, 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, Carlos Colon, 26 years old, from Paterson, New Jersey, was arrested on October 26, 2019 in relation to a shooting investigation that took place the same day in the area of Nagle Street Paterson, NJ. Mr. Colon is charged with Attempted Murder, First Degree; Unlawful Possession of a Handgun, Second Degree; Possession of a Handgun for an Unlawful Purpose, Second Degree; Certain Persons Not to Have Weapons, Second Degree; and Receiving Stolen Property, Third Degree.

On October 26 2019, members of the Paterson Police Department responded to the area of Nagle Street Paterson, NJ on a report of a shooting. Upon arrival the police located evidence of a crime scene and a 31-year-old male Belleville resident who suffered a non-fatal gunshot wound. The victim was immediately transported to Saint Joseph's Regional Medical Center in Paterson for treatment. Mr. Colon was located near the area of the crime scene, detained for investigation, and later charged based on the investigation.

The sentencing exposure for Mr. Colon 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; 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; and on Third Degree Receiving Stolen Property it is 3-5 years New Jersey State Prison.

The State intends to file a motion for pretrial detention in this matter 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: Carlos Colon)