



NEWS RELEASE

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ARREST MADE IN CONNECTION WITH PASSAIC PREPRATORY ACADEMY AND PASSAIC ACADEMY FOR SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FALSE PUBLIC ALARM INVESTIGATION

PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

JUNE 21, 2019

Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Passaic Police Chief Luis A. Guzman announce that on June 21, 2019 at approximately 8:20 a.m. members of the Passaic Police Department were advised that a student at School 10 had located a threat on social medial against the Passaic Preparatory Academy and Passaic Academy for Science and Engineering. This threat caused the Passaic Preparatory Academy and Passaic Academy for Science and Engineering to conduct a shelter-in-place while the threat was being investigated. The threat was determined to be false and the Passaic Police Department's investigation is ongoing.

A similar threat was made at approximately 12:38, p.m. on June 20, 2019 referencing a threat to the Passaic Preparatory Academy and Passaic Academy for Science and Engineering that would occur on June 21, 2019. A fifteen-year-old juvenile has been identified and charged for this threat. The police are still investigation the threat made on June 21, 2019 at 8:20 a.m.

A juvenile delinquency complaint is merely an accusation. Despite this accusation, the juvenile is 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 Detective Bureau at 973-365-3939.

For media inquiries concerning this case, contact Chief Assistant Prosecutor Jason Harding of the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office at jharding@passaiccountynj.org or at (973) 881-4313.