



NEWS RELEASE

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ARREST MADE IN CONNECTION WITH MAY 29, 2019 SHOOTING INVESTIGATION

PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Clifton Police Chief Mark P. Centurione announce that based upon an investigation by the Clifton Police Department, in conjunction with the Paterson Police Department and the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office, Michael Rodriguez, 21 years old from Paterson, New Jersey, was arrested on May 29, 2019, in relation to an investigation into a shooting that took place on May 29, 2019, in the area of 44 Macdonald Street in Clifton NJ. Mr. Rodriguez is charged with Attempted Murder, First Degree, Armed Robbery, First Degree, Burglary, Second Degree, Aggravated Assault, Second Degree, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, Second Degree and Possession of a Firearm for an Unlawful Purpose, Second Degree.

On May 29, 2019, members of the Clifton Police Department responded to a residence located in the area of 44 MacDonald Street, Clifton, NJ on a report of shots fired. Upon arrival the police located an 18-year-old Clifton resident who had sustained a gunshot wound to his leg. The victim was immediately transported to Saint Joseph's Regional Medical Center in Paterson for treatment. Based on the investigation Mr. Rodriguez was identified as the shooter but was not on scene.

The sentencing exposure for Mr. Rodriguez on First Degree Attempted Murder is 10-20 years New Jersey State Prison with 85% of those terms to be served before parole pursuant to the No Early Release Act and 5 years parole supervision; on First Degree Armed Robbery is 10-20 years New Jersey State Prison with 85% of those terms to be served before parole pursuant to the No Early Release Act and 5 years parole supervision; on Second Degree Burglary it is 5-10 years New Jersey State Prison with 85% of those terms to be served before parole pursuant to the No Early Release Act and 3 years parole supervision; on Second Degree Aggravated Assault it is 5-10 years New Jersey State Prison with an 85% term of parole ineligibility pursuant to the No Early Release Act; on Second Degree Unlawful Possession of a Firearm it is 5-10 years New Jersey State Prison with 42 months of parole ineligibility pursuant to the Graves Act, and on Second Degree Possession of a Firearm for an Unlawful Purpose it is 5-10 years New Jersey State.

Mr. Rodriguez is currently in custody. The State intends to file a motion for pretrial detention in this matter prior to the Defendant's CJP hearing tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 4, 2019, 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 Clifton Police Department at 973-470-5900.

For media inquiries concerning this incident, contact Senior Assistant Prosecutor Nubar Kasaryan of the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office at nkasaryan@passaiccountynj.org at (973) 881-4475.



(Photo: Michael Rodriguez)