ATTEMPTED MURDER AND SUICIDE IN THE AREA OF CIANCI STREET IN PATERSON

PATERNON, NEW JERSEY: JULY 9, 2020

Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Paterson Police Chief Ibrahim Baycora announce that at approximately 9:30 p.m. on July 8, 2020, members of the Paterson Police Department responded to a residence in the area of Cianci Street in Paterson, New Jersey on a report of a stabbing. Upon arrival responding officers discovered a 26-year-old female Paterson resident with apparent stab wounds. Officers also discovered Esaul Morales, 38 years old from Paterson, lying on the ground deceased. The female victim was transported to Saint Joseph’s University Medical Center in Paterson, New Jersey for treatment, where she was admitted in critical condition.

Preliminary information revealed the injuries were sustained during a domestic dispute, during which Mr. Morales assaulted the female victim and later jumped from the roof of a nearby building. The investigation remains active and ongoing, however no additional suspects are being sought in relation to this incident. Since this is an alleged domestic violence incident more specific information cannot be released at this time.

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 Jason Statuto of the Passaic County Prosecutor’s Office at jstatuto@passaiccountynj.org or at (973) 837-7733.