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GARFIELD MAN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION TO A FEBRUARY 13, 2022 MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT IN CLIFTON

PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes announces that based upon an investigation by the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office Vehicular Homicide Unit and the Clifton Police Department, Noel Ramos, 27 years old, from Garfield, New Jersey, was arrested this morning in connection to a motor vehicle accident that took place on February 13, 2022 in the area of 432 Lexington Avenue in the City of Clifton. Mr. Ramos is charged with Assault by Auto Causing Bodily Injury, within 1000 Feet of School Property, Third Degree; Driving While Intoxicated, and Reckless Driving. Mr. Ramos is currently employed as a Paterson Police Officer, however this incident occurred while he was off duty and did not touch upon his employment.

On February 13, 2022, at approximately 12:28 a.m., police responded to the area of 432 Lexington Avenue, in the City of Clifton, in response to a report of a multi-vehicle motor vehicle collision. Upon their arrival they found Mr. Ramos's 2019 Dodge Challenger in the middle of the roadway, having struck another vehicle which was occupied, causing that vehicle to hit a third vehicle that was parked at that location. The occupant of the first vehicle that was struck suffered bodily injury and was transported to St. Mary's General Hospital in Passaic where he was treated and released. The investigation revealed that Mr. Ramos had been operating his vehicle recklessly with a blood alcohol content above the legal limit at the time of the crash.

Noel Ramos was processed on the charges today and was released pending his first court appearance at Central Judicial Processing on Monday, April 4, 2022, at 1:30, p.m.

A criminal complaint is merely an accusation. Despite this accusation, a defendant 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.

Any inquiries with regard to Mr. Ramos's employment status should be directed to the Paterson Police Department.

For media inquiries concerning this case, contact Chief Assistant Prosecutor Julie Serfess of the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office at jserfess@passaiccountynj.org or at (973) 837-7718.



Noel Ramos