



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **PATERSON MAN ARRESTED FOR SELF-INFLICTED GUNSHOT WOUND IN CONNECTION WITH JUNE 8, 2019 SHOOTING INVESTIGATION**

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PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

JUNE 10, 2019

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, Lamont McKay a 32-year-old Paterson resident, was arrested on June 8, 2019 in relation to a shooting incident that took place June 8, 2019.

On June 8, 2019 at approximately 3:00, a.m., members of the Paterson Police Department were advised that a 32-year-old male Paterson resident had arrived at Hackensack Medical Center in Hackensack seeking treatment for non-fatal gunshot wounds. The investigation has revealed and it is alleged that Mr. McKay shot himself.

The sentencing exposure for Mr. McKay on First Degree, Unlawful Possession of a Handgun is 10-20 years New Jersey State Prison with a minimum of 42 months before parole eligibility pursuant to the Graves Act, and on Second Degree Certain Persons not to Possess a Firearm it is 5-10 years New Jersey State Prison with 5 years of parole ineligibility pursuant to the Graves Act.

The State intends to file a motion seeking the defendant's pretrial detention which will be heard by a Superior Court Judge.

A criminal complaint is merely an accusation. Despite an 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](mailto:tips@passaiccountynj.org) or contact the Paterson Police Ceasefire Unit at 973-321-1342.

For media inquiries concerning this incident, contact Chief Assistant Prosecutor Seth Galkin of the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office at [sgalkin@passaiccountynj.org](mailto:sgalkin@passaiccountynj.org) or at (973) 881-4849.



(Photo: Lamont McKay)