



NEWS RELEASE

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**UPDATE: ADDITIONAL ARRESTS MADE AND CHARGES FILED
IN RELATION TO HOMICIDE OF A PIZZA DELIVERY MAN IN
CLIFTON ON JULY 15, 2018**

PASSAIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY:

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ARREST OF JUVENILE ON HOMICIDE CHARGES

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 Passaic Police Department and the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office, a 16-year-old male was also charged and processed on August 1, 2018, in relation to a homicide of a pizza delivery man that took place in the area of Paulison Avenue in Clifton on July 15, 2018. The juvenile's two adult co-defendants, Andy DeJesus, age 18, of Garfield, and Joel Nunez, age 18, of Garfield, were charged yesterday in connection to this homicide. They were charged on complaints filed by the Clifton Police Department with Murder, first degree, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:11-3a; Felony Murder, first degree, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:11-3a; Robbery, first degree, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:15-1a; Conspiracy to Commit Robbery, second degree, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:5-2/2C:15-1a; Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose, second degree, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-4a; and Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, second degree, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5b. The juvenile was charged with delinquency for committing acts, which if committed by an adult, would constitute the same offenses charged against the adult codefendants. Mr. Nunez was arrested on July 31, 2018, without incident in Garfield. Mr. DeJesus and the juvenile were arrested in Passaic following an incident on July 30, 2018 (see below).

The juvenile's complaints were referred to the Passaic County Family Part. The juvenile has been remanded pending further court proceedings. 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.

On July 15, 2018, at approximately 2:17 a.m., police responded to the area of 503 Paulison Avenue near the Clifton-Passaic border in response to a report of a motor vehicle accident. Upon their arrival they located Dervy Almonte-Moore, 27 years-old from Elmwood Park, unresponsive in the driver's seat of his vehicle, a black Toyota Camry, which had struck a tree. Mr. Almonte-Moore had suffered an apparent gunshot wound and was pronounced deceased at St. Joseph's University Medical Center in Paterson at approximately 2:48 a.m. During the

investigation, it was determined that the victim was making a pizza delivery for Jumbo's Pizza in Wallington to 582 Paulison Avenue in Clifton when he was approached by three male actors including the juvenile. At that time, one of the actors had a handgun. Mr. Almonte-Moore attempted to drive away but one of the actors fired the gun, striking Mr. Almonte-Moore while he was in his vehicle. None of the actors was located on scene at the time of police arrival.

This investigation remains active and ongoing. More information will be released when it becomes available.

ARREST OF DEJESUS AND NUNEZ FOR ROBBERY PRECEDING HOMICIDE

Prosecutor Valdes and Passaic Police Chief Luis Guzman announce that based upon an investigation by the Passaic Police Department, in conjunction with the Clifton Police Department and the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office, Mr. DeJesus and Mr. Nunez have also been charged with two counts of Robbery, first degree, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:15-1a; two counts of Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose, second degree, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-4a; Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, second degree, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5b; and two counts of Conspiracy to Commit Robbery, second degree, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:5-2/2C:15-1a. Mr. Nunez was also charged with one count of Use of 17-Year-Old or Younger to Commit Criminal Offense, first degree, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-9a. These charges stem from an incident that occurred prior to the homicide of Mr. Almonte-Moore. The complaints were filed by the Passaic Police Department.

On July 15, 2018, at approximately 2:00 a.m., two victims were seated in a vehicle at Oak Street, Passaic, when they were approached by a male actor, who had his face covered and removed a handgun from his waistband. The actor then tapped on the passenger side window. The victim driving the vehicle sped away from the actor and left the area. An investigation into the robbery by the Passaic Police was initiated. Shortly thereafter the homicide of Mr. Almonte-Moore occurred. Through the investigation by both the Passaic Police and the Clifton Police, it was determined that the robberies and homicide were connected to each other. None of the actors was located on scene at the time of police arrival.

This investigation remains active and ongoing. More information will be released when it becomes available.

ARREST OF DEJESUS AND JUVENILE FOR ROBBERY ON 7-30-18

Prosecutor Valdes and Passaic Police Chief Guzman announce that based upon an investigation by the Passaic Police Department, Mr. DeJesus and a 16-year-old juvenile have been arrested and charged based on an incident arising out of the City of Passaic on July 30, 2018. The juvenile charged with acts of delinquency in this incident is the same juvenile charged in the homicide of Mr. Almonte-Moore. Mr. DeJesus has been charged with the crimes of Robbery, first degree, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:15-1a; Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose, second degree, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-4a; Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, third degree, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5b; and Conspiracy to Commit Robbery, second degree, in

violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:5-2/2C:15-1a. The juvenile was charged with delinquency for committing acts, which if committed by an adult, would constitute these same offenses charged against the adult codefendant. Mr. DeJesus was further charged with Use of 17-Year-Old or Younger to Commit Criminal Offense, first degree, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-9a.

On July 30, 2018, at approximately 11:40 p.m., the victim was exiting his vehicle at Linden Street, Passaic, when he was approached by Mr. DeJesus and the juvenile. One of the actors brandished a black colored handgun, and began to yell “come here” to the victim. The victim was able to flee the area. Passaic Police responded and based upon the descriptions provided by the victim, Mr. DeJesus and the juvenile were located at the intersection of Krueger Place and Poplar Street. A handgun was recovered during the investigation. At the conclusion of the investigation both Mr. DeJesus and the juvenile were charged.

The juvenile’s complaints were referred to the Passaic County Family Part. The juvenile has been remanded pending further court proceedings. 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.

This investigation remains active and ongoing. More information will be released when it becomes available.

Mr. DeJesus and Mr. Nunez appeared in Central Judicial Processing court today before the Hon. Marilyn C. Clark, P.J.Cr. on the homicide and robbery charges from July 15, 2018. Mr. DeJesus also appeared on the robbery charges from July 30, 2018. Both defendants are presently detained in the Passaic County Jail. The State has filed motions for pre-trial detention of both defendants. The detention hearings for both defendants are listed for Friday, August 3, 2018, before the Hon. Donna Gallucio, J.S.C.

The complaints against Mr. DeJesus and Mr. Nunez are merely accusations. Despite these accusations, the 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 these incidents to contact us on our tips line at 1-877-370-PCPO or tips@passaiccountynj.org or contact the Clifton Police Detective Bureau at 973-470-5908.

For media inquiries concerning this case, contact Chief Assistant Prosecutor Jason Statuto of the Passaic County Prosecutor’s Office at jstatuto@passaiccountynj.org or at (973) 837-7733.