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ARREST MADE IN CONNECTION TO THE OCTOBER 8, 2021 HIT AND RUN ACCIDENT IN PATERSON

PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

October 8, 2021

Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Paterson Police Chief Ibrahim Baycora announce that based upon an investigation by the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office and the Paterson Police Department, Yonatan Sanchez, 26-years old, of Paterson, New Jersey, was arrested on October 8, 2021 in connection with a hit and run that occurred earlier in the day at approximately 6:18 a.m. at the intersection of Bridge Street and Godwin Street in the City of Paterson.

Mr. Sanchez was charged with third degree Leaving the Scene of a Motor Vehicle Accident Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury, and third degree Endangering an Injured Victim. He was arrested without incident at the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office, and then transferred to the Passaic County Jail.

On October 8, 2021 at approximately 6:18 a.m., Mr. Sanchez was driving a 2021 Dodge Ram Van commercial vehicle near the intersection of Bridge Street and Godwin Street in the City of Paterson when he had a collision with a pedestrian. Thereafter, Mr. Sanchez left the scene. The pedestrian, Mr. Altabur Choudhury, 66-years old, of Paterson, New Jersey, was transported to Saint Joseph's University Medical Center in Paterson, New Jersey where he is receiving treatment for serious bodily injuries.

The sentencing exposure on third degree Leaving the Scene of a Motor Vehicle Accident Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury, and third degree Endangering an Injured Victim is between three and five years in New Jersey State Prison.

Mr. Sanchez will appear for Central Judicial Processing on Sunday, October 10, 2021.

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 to contact the Paterson Police Traffic Division at (973) 321-1111.

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



Yonatan Sanchez