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ARREST MADE IN CONNECTION WITH AN ASSAULT ON A PASSAIC MOTHER

PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Passaic Police Chief Luis A. Guzman announce that on June 19, 2019, the Passaic Police Department identified and charged a thirteen-year-old juvenile for an assault on a resident of Passaic and her son. The assault occurred at approximately 5:00 p.m. on June 19, 2019 on Lexington Avenue near the intersection with Monroe Street. A thirteen-year-old juvenile and his mother were walking on Lexington Avenue when the juvenile actor approached them. When the mother stepped in front of the juvenile actor, he struck her causing her to temporarily lose consciousness and fall to the sidewalk. The juvenile actor also struck the juvenile victim in the face. The adult victim was treated at the hospital for facial fractures and a concussion. The juvenile actor was charged with one count each of aggravated assault and simple assault, and he was released to his parents pending an appearance in the Family Court.

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.

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 <u>tips@passaiccountynj.org</u> or contact the Passaic Police Department Detective Bureau at 973-365-3939.

For media inquiries concerning this case, contact Chief Assistant Prosecutor Jason Harding of the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office at jharding@passaiccountynj.org or at (973) 881-4313.