



# NEWS RELEASE

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## HOMICIDE IN THE AREA OF 5 CHRISTINA PLACE IN PATERSON

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PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Paterson Police Chief Ibrahim Baycora announce that on Thursday, October 29, 2020, at approximately 1:37 p.m., police officers responded to the area of 5 Christina Place in the City of Paterson in response to a report of a shooting. Upon their arrival, the officers discovered one female victim, 31 year old R.L., who had suffered apparent gunshot wounds. R.L. was 8 months pregnant, and was transported to St. Joseph's University Medical Center for emergency treatment. While at the hospital, R.L. delivered her child, however she succumbed to her wounds and was pronounced deceased shortly after delivering her child. The baby is healthy and currently admitted in stable condition.

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

The Passaic County Prosecutor's Office asks anyone with additional information about this incident or the location of R.L.'s attacker 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 Detective Bureau at 973-321-1120.

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