



# NEWS RELEASE

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## HOMICIDE IN THE AREA OF 378 ROSA PARKS BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF PATERSON

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PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Paterson Police Chief Troy Oswald announce that on Friday, December 20, 2019, at approximately 4:58 p.m., police officers responded to the area outside 378 Rosa Parks Boulevard in the City of Paterson in response to a report of shots fired. Upon their arrival, the officers discovered one victim with apparent gunshot wound, Sadott Free, 22 years old from Paterson. Mr. Free was transported to St. Joseph's University Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased. Quadir McRae, 24 years old from Paterson, also suffered a gunshot wound, however he had been transported to St. Joseph's by way of a private vehicle prior to the arrival of the first responders. Mr. McRae has been admitted and is 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 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.