



NEWS RELEASE

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JUVENILE CHARGED IN ROBBERY, WEAPONS, AND CDS OFFENSES RELATED TO NON-FATAL POLICE-INVOLVED SHOOTING IN PATERSON

PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes announces the arrest of a juvenile, age 16, of Paterson, in connection to the non-fatal police-involved shooting that occurred shortly after midnight on March 29, 2017, in the area of Carroll and Park Streets in the City of Paterson. The juvenile has been charged by the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office on March 29, 2017, with delinquency for committing acts, which if committed by an adult, would constitute robbery, weapons offenses, and drug offenses. The juvenile's complaints will be handled in the Passaic County Superior Court Family Division. Due to the confidentiality surrounding juvenile proceedings, no further information will be released at this time.

The investigation in this matter, including the use of force by police, remains ongoing. At this time, further information will not be released so as not to jeopardize the safety of persons involved or to jeopardize the investigation in progress.

The Open Public Records Act and Executive Order #69 also address the balancing required during ongoing investigations. Not all information regarding an arrest may be or should be released within 24 hours. In an ongoing investigation, the release of information is guided by concerns including victim safety, the integrity of the investigation, and harm to a bona fide law enforcement purpose or public safety. The release of information pertinent to public safety, and the timing of its release, are designed to minimize witness taint, encourage current and future

witness cooperation, protect the rights of criminal defendants or suspects, and engender trust with the public.

Media inquiries should be directed to Chief Assistant Prosecutor Mary Catherine Ryan at mryan@passaiccountynj.org.

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.

A juvenile delinquency complaint is merely a charging document. Despite the complaint, the juvenile is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.