



# NEWS RELEASE

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## ARREST MADE IN CONNECTION WITH ARMED ROBBERY INVESTIGATIONS

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PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes, Acting Paterson Police Chief Troy Oswald, and Passaic County Sheriff Richard H. Berdnik announce that based upon an investigation by the Paterson Police Department and the Passaic County Sheriff's Department, Timothy Simmons, 29 years old, from Paterson, New Jersey, was arrested on February 15, 2018 in relation to an armed robbery investigation that took place February 12, 2018 in the area of 176 East 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Paterson, NJ and a shooting incident/armed robbery investigation that took place February 12, 2018 in the area of 415 Crosby Avenue Paterson, NJ. Mr. Simmons is charged with Attempted Murder, First Degree, Unlawful Possession of a Handgun, Second Degree; Possession of a Handgun for an Unlawful Purpose, Second Degree; Certain Persons Not to Have Weapons, Second Degree, and Unlawful Possession of a Handgun, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree.

On February 12, 2018, at approximately 7:11 a.m., members of the Paterson Police Department were dispatched to the area of 176 East 22<sup>nd</sup> Street Paterson, NJ on a report of a robbery. Upon arrival the police located a 44-year-old female Paterson resident who informed them that he had been robbed at gunpoint.

On February 12, 2018, at approximately 10:50 a.m., members of the Paterson Police Department were dispatched to the area of 415 Crosby Street Paterson, NJ on a report of an armed robbery. Police located a 27-year-old male Paterson resident who informed them that he had been robbed at gunpoint and while the suspect fled he had fired his handgun at the victim, however the victim was not hit. Based on the investigation members of the Paterson Police Department and Passaic County Sheriff's Department were able to identify Timothy Simmons as the suspect involved in this investigation.

The sentencing exposure on First Degree Attempted Murder is 10-20 years New Jersey State Prison with 85% of that term to be served before parole eligibility pursuant to the No Early Release Act and 5 years parole supervision thereafter; on Second Degree Unlawful Possession of a Handgun it is 5-10 years New Jersey State Prison with a minimum of 42 months before parole eligibility pursuant to the Graves Act; on Second Degree Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose it is 5-10 years New Jersey State Prison with 42 months of parole ineligibility pursuant to the Graves Act; on Second Degree Certain Persons not to Possess a Firearm it is 5-10 years New Jersey State Prison with 5 years of parole ineligibility pursuant to the Graves Act; on First Degree Unlawful Possession of a Handgun it is 10-20 years New Jersey State Prison with a minimum of 42 months before parole eligibility pursuant to the Graves Act.

Timothy Simmons is scheduled to appear at Central Judicial Processing on Friday February 16, 2018 at 1:30, p.m. The State has filed a motion for pretrial detention in this matter that will be heard by a Superior Court Judge.

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](mailto:tips@passaiccountynj.org) or contact the Paterson Police Department Detective Bureau at 973-321-1120.

For media inquiries concerning this case, contact Senior Assistant Prosecutor Seth Galkin of the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office at [sgalkin@passaiccountynj.org](mailto:sgalkin@passaiccountynj.org) or at (973) 881-4849.



(Photo: Timothy Simmons)