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ARREST MADE IN CONNECTION WITH DECEMBER 2, 2017 SHOOTING INVESTIGATION

PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Paterson Police Chief Troy Oswald announce that based upon an investigation by the Paterson Police Department, in conjunction with the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office, Jose Vasquez, 18-years-old of Paterson, New Jersey, was arrested on February 27, 2018 in relation to a shooting incident that took place December 2, 2017, in the area of 229 Park Avenue Paterson, NJ.

Mr. Vasquez is charged with Attempted Murder, First Degree, Unlawful Possession of a Handgun, Second Degree; and Possession of a Handgun for an Unlawful Purpose, Second Degree.

On December 2, 2017, members of the Paterson Police Department were dispatched to 772 East 19th Street on a report of shots fired. Upon arrival they were notified that a 20-year-old male Paterson resident had arrived at Saint Joseph's Regional Medical Center in Paterson for treatment of a non-fatal gunshot wound. Based on the initial investigation, the victim was in the area of 229 Park Avenue when he was shot.

The sentencing exposure for Mr. Vasquez on First Degree Attempted Murder is 10-20 years New Jersey State Prison with 85% of those terms to be served before parole pursuant to the No Early Release Act and 5 years parole supervision; on Second Degree, Unlawful Possession of a Handgun is 5-10 years New Jersey State Prison with a minimum of 42 months before parole eligibility pursuant to the Graves Act; and 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.

Jose Vasquez is scheduled to appear at Central Judicial Processing on February 28, 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 or contact the Paterson Police Ceasefire Unit at 973-321-1342.

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