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PATERSON RESIDENT ARRESTED DECEMBER 1, 2017 FROM AN APPARENT SELF INFLICTED GUNSHOT WOUND

PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Deputy Paterson Police Chief Ibrahim Baycora announce that based upon an investigation by the Paterson Police Department, in conjunction with the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office, Bernard Mann, a 34-year-old, Paterson resident, was arrested on December 1, 2017 in relation to an investigation that took place on the same day. Mr. Mann is charged with Unlawful Possession of a Handgun, Second Degree; Possession of a Handgun for an Unlawful Purpose, Second Degree; and Certain Persons Not to Have Weapons, Second Degree.

On December 1, 2017 at approximately 12:50 a.m., members of the Paterson Police Department responded to Saint Joseph's Regional Medical Center in Paterson after being advised that a 34-year-old male Paterson resident, later identified as Bernard Mann was seeking treatment for a non-life threatening gunshot wound. Mr. Mann was uncooperative when questioned regarding his injury. Based on the initial investigation, it is believed Bernard Mann shot himself in the area of 20th Avenue and Straight Street Paterson, NJ.

The sentencing exposure on Second Degree Unlawful Possession of a Weapon it is 5-10 years New Jersey State Prison with a minimum of 3 ½ years 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 a minimum of 3 ½ years before parole eligibility pursuant to the Graves; on Second Degree Certain Persons Not to Have Weapons it is 5-10 years New Jersey State Prison with a minimum of 5 years before parole eligibility pursuant to the graves act.

Bernard Mann appeared at Central Judicial Processing on Friday December 1, 2017 at 1:30, p.m. The State filed a motion for pretrial detention in this matter that was heard on December 6, 2017 before the Honorable Adam E. Jacobs, J.S.C.. The State's motion for detention was denied and Mr. Mann was released on conditions.

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.



(Photo: Bernard Mann)