



NEWS RELEASE

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ARREST MADE IN CONNECTION WITH AN ARSON AT 50 CLINTON STREET IN PATERSON

PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

February 4, 2018

Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes, Paterson Fire Chief Brian McDermott, and Deputy Paterson Police Chief Troy Oswald announce that based upon an investigation by the Paterson Fire Department and the Paterson Police Department, in conjunction with the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office, Alberto Peralta-Gomez, 23 years old, from Paterson, New Jersey, was arrested this morning in relation to an arson that took place early this morning at 50 Clinton Street in the City of Paterson. Mr. Peralta-Gomez is charged with Aggravated Arson, second degree; and Creating a Risk of Widespread Injury, fourth degree.

At approximately 1:00, a.m. on February 4, 2018, police and firefighters responded to 50 Clinton Street in the City of Paterson in response to a residential fire. This location is a multi-family apartment building with 11 units which were all occupied at the time. Upon their arrival they located an active fire in one of the basement apartments. The fire was contained to the apartment where the fire originated and one adjoining apartment. Firefighters were able to extinguish the fire and there were no injuries. As a result of the subsequent investigation, it was determined that Mr. Peralta-Gomez had intentionally started the fire in the closet of his apartment.

Alberto Peralta-Gomez is scheduled to appear at Central Judicial Processing on February 5, 2018 at 1:30, p.m.

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. Anyone with additional information may also contact the Paterson Police Detective Bureau at 973-321-1120.

For media inquiries concerning this case, contact Assistant Prosecutor Julie Serfess of the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office at jserfess@passaiccountynj.org or at (973) 837-7718.

