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ACTOR CHARGED WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CHARGES LATER BECOMES VICTIM IN NON-FATAL SHOOTING

PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Acting 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, Javeska R. Uter, 29-years-old of Paterson, New Jersey, was arrested on February 21, 2018 in relation to a domestic violence incident that took place earlier this morning.

Mr. Uter is charged with Child Endangerment, Third Degree (3 counts), Criminal Mischief, Fourth Degree; Unlawful Possession of a Handgun, Second Degree; and Simple Assault, a Disorderly Persons Offense.

It is alleged that Mr. Uter assaulted a victim, while the victim's children were present and he possessed a handgun. Mr. Uter had fled the scene. Pursuant to the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act, the victim and children will remain unidentified.

Later, in the early morning of February 21, 2018 members of the Paterson Police Department were dispatched to the area of Godwin Avenue Paterson, NJ at approximately 2:20 a.m. Upon arrival the police located Mr. Uter who had sustained non-fatal gunshot wounds. Mr. Uter was placed under arrest for the earlier Domestic Violence charges and was transported to St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center in Paterson for treatment.

The sentencing exposure for Uter on Third Degree Endangering the Welfare of a Child is 3-5 years New Jersey State Prison; on Fourth Degree Criminal mischief it is up to 18 months New Jersey State Prison and 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

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: Javeska R. Uter)