



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **ARREST MADE IN CONNECTION TO THE JANUARY 23, 2023 HOMICIDE IN THE AREA OF BERKSHIRE AND CHAMBERLAIN AVENUE IN PATERSON**

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PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

October 31, 2023

Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Paterson Police Department Officer-In-Charge Isa Abbassi announce that based upon an investigation by the Paterson Police Department, in conjunction with the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office, Rogelio Gonzalez, 30-years old from Paterson, was arrested on October 30, 2023, in connection to the homicide that took place on January 23, 2023, in the area of Berkshire and Chamberlain Avenue in Paterson.

Rogelio Gonzalez is charged with Murder, first degree; Attempted Murder, first degree; Possession of a Handgun for an Unlawful Purpose, second degree; and Unlawful Possession of a Handgun, second degree.

At approximately 8:50 p.m. on January 23, 2023, Paterson Police Department patrol units were dispatched to the area of Berkshire and Chamberlain Avenue in Paterson on a report of shots fired. As officers canvassed the area, they received information that a victim of a shooting arrived at Saint Joseph's University Medical Center in a private vehicle. The victim, later identified as Marvin Lavezarri, 26-years old from Paterson, sustained a gunshot to his buttocks. On January 25, 2023, the victim succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased.

During the course of the investigation, detectives learned the victim was with two other individuals when a car pulled up and opened fire on them. The two individuals were not struck by gunfire. As the investigation progressed, detectives learned that Rogelio Gonzalez was the shooter.

Rogelio Gonzalez currently awaits his first appearance at Central Judicial Processing. The State will file a motion for pretrial detention against Mr. Gonzalez which will be heard by a Superior Court judge at a date and time to be determined by the court.

The crime of Murder has a sentencing range from a minimum of 30 years up to life imprisonment; the crime of Attempted Murder has a sentencing range of 10 to 20 years in prison; the crimes of Possession of a Handgun for an Unlawful Purpose, and Unlawful Possession of a Handgun each have a sentencing range of 5 to 10 years in prison.

A criminal complaint is merely an accusation. Despite this accusation, the defendant is 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 Detective Bureau at 973-321-1120.

For media inquiries concerning this case, contact Chief Assistant Prosecutor Allan P. Nawrocki of the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office Fatal Investigations Unit at [anawrocki@passaiccountynj.org](mailto:anawrocki@passaiccountynj.org) or at (973) 837-7768.



Rogelio Gonzalez