



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **MAN FOUND DEAD AFTER FIRE IN THE AREA OF 4<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE AND LAFAYETTE AVENUE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HAWTHORNE, NEW JERSEY**

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PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

January 12, 2024

Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Hawthorne Police Chief James W. Knepper announce that on January 11, 2024, at approximately 9:03 p.m., the Hawthorne Police Department was dispatched to a reported fire in the area of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Lafayette Avenue. Patrol Units found an active fire in the rear of 20 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and the Hawthorne Fire Department successfully extinguished the fire. Once the fire was extinguished, they found a deceased unidentified man.

This investigation is active and ongoing. More information will be released when it becomes available.

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 Hawthorne Police Department at (973) 427-1800.

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