



NEWS RELEASE

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PATERSON WOMAN CHARGED WITH AGGRAVATED ASSAULT AND ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD

PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

October 12, 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, Aurora Villacorta, 51-years-old from Paterson, was arrested in relation to a stabbing investigation that took place on October 11, 2023, in the area of Carroll Street and Godwin Avenue in Paterson, New Jersey. Aurra Villacorta is charged with Aggravated Assault, Second Degree; Aggravated Assault, Third Degree; Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, Fourth Degree; Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose, Third Degree; and Endangering the Welfare of a Child, Second Degree.

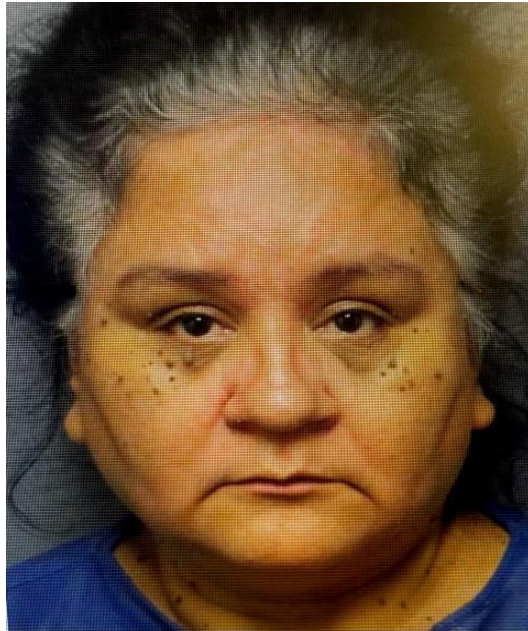
On October 11, 2023, at approximately 4:10 p.m., members of the Paterson Police Department responded to the area of Carroll Street and Godwin Avenue in Paterson on a report of a stabbing. Upon arrival, police located a 5-year-old female child who had sustained multiple stab wounds. Based on the investigation, police determined that Aurora Villacorta, the child's grandmother, had stabbed the victim, and she was placed under arrest.

The sentencing exposure on Second Degree Aggravated Assault is 5 to 10 years in New Jersey State Prison with 85 percent to be served before parole ineligibility, pursuant to the No Early Release Act ("NERA") and five years parole supervision after release; on Third Degree Aggravated Assault it is 3 to 5 years in New Jersey State Prison; on Fourth Degree Unlawful Possession of a Weapon it is up to 18 months in New Jersey State Prison; on Third Degree Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose it is 3 to 5 years in New Jersey State Prison; and on Second Degree Endangering the Welfare of a Child it is 5 to 10 years in New Jersey State Prison.

Aurora Villacorta is scheduled to appear for Central Judicial Processing on October 12, 2023.

A criminal complaint is merely an accusation. Despite the accusation, defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, in a court of law.

Any inquiries may be directed to Passaic County Chief Assistant Prosecutor Jennifer Fetterman at jfetterman@passaiccountynj.org or (973) 881-4811.



(Photo: Aurora Villacorta)