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ARREST MADE IN CONNECTION TO THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2023, STABBING IN PATERSON

PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

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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, Bryan Canales-Arias, 29 years old from Paterson, and Ernesto Canales-Arias, 23 years old from Paterson, were arrested on September 25, 2023, in connection with a stabbing incident that took place on September 25, 2023, in the area of Main Street and Market Street in Paterson, New Jersey.

Both Mr. Bryan Canales-Arias and Mr. Ernesto Canales-Arias are charged with: Attempted Murder, First Degree, Aggravated Assault, Second Degree, Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose, Third Degree and Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, Fourth Degree.

At approximately 1:25 a.m. on September 25, 2023, members of the Paterson Police Department were dispatched to the area of Main Street and Market Street in Paterson, New Jersey, in response to a report of a stabbing. Upon their arrival, officers located the victim, a 50-year-old male Paterson resident who suffered several non-fatal stab wounds. The victim was transported to St. Joseph's University Medical Center in Paterson, New Jersey for treatment.

The subsequent investigation revealed that both Mr. Bryan Canales-Arias and Mr. Ernesto Canales-Arias were responsible for the stabbing. Both Mr. Bryan Canales-Arias and Mr. Ernesto Canales-Arias were arrested on September 25, 2023, in the vicinity of the stabbing by the Paterson Police Department.

The sentencing exposure for both Mr. Bryan Canales-Arias and Mr. Ernesto Canales-Arias on First Degree Attempted Murder is 10-20 years in New Jersey State Prison, of which 85% must be served before parole eligibility subject to the New Early Release act; on Second Degree Aggravated Assault it is 5-10 years New Jersey State Prison of which 85% must be served before parole eligibility subject to the New Early Release act; Third Degree Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose it is 3-5 years New Jersey State Prison; and on Fourth Degree Unlawful Possession of a Weapon it is 18 months in New Jersey State Prison.

The State intends to file a motion for pretrial detention for both Mr. Bryan Canales-Arias and Mr. Ernesto Canales-Arias, which will be heard by a Superior Court Judge.

Criminal complaints are merely an accusation. Despite these accusations, defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation remains active and ongoing. More information will be released once 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 or contact the Paterson Police Department Detective Bureau at 973-321-1120.

For media inquiries concerning this case, contact Assistant Prosecutor Shane D. Overgaard of the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office at sovergaard@passaiccountynj.org or at (973) 881-4869.



(Photo: Bryan Canales-Arias)



(Photo: Ernesto Canales-Arias)