



NEWS RELEASE

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HOMICIDE VICTIM DISCOVERED IN THE AREA OF JAMES STREET AND RYERSON AVENUE IN PATERSON

PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Paterson Police Chief Ibrahim Baycora announce that at approximately 7:56 a.m. on Friday, February 25, 2022, members of the Paterson Police Department were dispatched to the area of James Street and Ryerson Avenue in Paterson, New Jersey in response to a suspicious vehicle. Upon their arrival, officers located the lifeless body of a female victim, Stephanie DeJesus, 38-years-old from Paterson, New Jersey, inside the trunk of a vehicle with an apparent gunshot wound. Ms. DeJesus was pronounced deceased on scene.

This is an active and ongoing investigation. 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 Detective Bureau at 973-321-1120.

For media inquiries concerning this case, contact Senior Assistant Prosecutor In-Charge Jorge E. Morales of the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office at jmorales@passaiccountynj.org or at (973) 837-7706.