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Homicide on North 7th Street in Paterson Suspect Charged

PATERSON, NEW JERSEY

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes, Paterson Police Department Deputy Chief Heriberto Rodriguez and Paterson Police Department Director Jerry Speziale announce that Kayson Scott, 31 years of age, of Paterson was pronounced deceased at St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center, after being stabbed in the chest while on the porch of a North 7th Street residence in Paterson, New Jersey, at approximately 6:45 a.m. on May 6, 2017.

After an investigation by the Paterson Police Department and the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Unit, Shaquana Bradley, 27 years of age, of Paterson, New Jersey, was arrested and charged with Aggravated Manslaughter, a first degree offense, Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose, a third degree offense, and Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, a fourth degree offense.

The investigation reveals that Ms. Bradley was involved in a verbal and physical altercation with the decedent's uncle, Julian Scott, 40 years of age, of Paterson with whom she had a dating relationship. The altercation is alleged to have taken place on the porch of the home that they both shared, located at 66 North 7th Street in Paterson. Ms. Bradley is alleged to have threatened the decedent and his uncle with a small kitchen knife, and is further alleged to have then stabbed the decedent in the chest with the knife when he attempted to diffuse the situation by trying to take the knife away from Ms. Bradley. The police have recovered the knife, alleged to be used in the stabbing, from the crime scene.

If convicted, Ms. Bradley faces a sentence of up to thirty years of imprisonment with an eighty-five percent parole disqualifier on the Aggravated Manslaughter charge; up to five years of imprisonment on the Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose charge; and up to 18 months of imprisonment on the Unlawful Possession of a Weapon charge.

A criminal charge is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until criminal charges are proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

Ms. Bradley's First Appearance will be held at 1:30 p.m. on May 8, 2017, before the Honorable John F. Meola, P.J.M.C., in Courtroom 411 of the New Courthouse in Paterson.

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.

Anyone with additional information may also contact the Paterson Police Detective Bureau at 973-321-1120.

For media inquiries concerning this case, contact Chief Assistant Prosecutor Paul DeGroot of the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Unit at PDegroot@passaiccountynj.org or at (973) 837-7671.



Shaquana Bradley