



NEWS RELEASE

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**UPDATE: PATERSON MAN CHARGED WITH
UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A HANDGUN RELATED
TO NON-FATAL POLICE-INVOLVED SHOOTING
IN PATERSON ON 11/29/17**

PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

December 6, 2017

Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes announces the filing of charges against Michael David, age 20, of Paterson.

Michael David was arrested without incident and charged by the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office in Totowa on December 5, 2017, with one count of second degree Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, namely a handgun, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5b. A second degree charge carries a maximum term of ten (10) years in New Jersey State Prison.

On November 29, 2017, in accordance with Attorney General Directives, the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office Shooting Response Team was activated due to an officer-involved shooting that occurred in the area of North 5th Street between Clinton and Jefferson Streets in the City of Paterson on that date shortly after 5 p.m. Donte Robinson, age 18, of Paterson, was previously arrested on firearms and aggravated assault charges related to the officer-involved shooting. The ongoing investigation revealed that during the incident Mr. David allegedly possessed a handgun for which he did not have a permit to carry. A handgun allegedly possessed by Mr. David was located on scene, unloaded at the time of recovery. There is no immediate indication Mr. David sustained any injuries during the incident.

The investigation in this matter, including the use of force by police, remains ongoing. At this time, further information will not be released so as not to jeopardize the safety of persons involved or to jeopardize the investigation in progress.

The Open Public Records Act and Executive Order #69 address the balancing required during ongoing investigations. Not all information regarding an arrest may be or should be released within 24 hours. In an ongoing investigation, the release of information is guided by

concerns including victim safety, the integrity of the investigation, and harm to a bona fide law enforcement purpose or public safety. The release of information pertinent to public safety, and the timing of its release, are designed to minimize witness taint, encourage current and future witness cooperation, protect the rights of criminal defendants or suspects, and engender trust with the public.

Media inquiries should be directed to Chief Assistant Prosecutor Mary Catherine Ryan at mryan@passaiccountynj.org.

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.

A criminal complaint is merely an accusation. Despite this accusation, defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.