



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **ARRESTS MADE IN CONNECTION WITH NOVEMBER 28, 2017 SHOOTING INVESTIGATION IN THE AREA OF 24 FIFTH STREET, PASSAIC, NJ**

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PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY:

December 9, 2017

Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Passaic Police Chief Luis A. Guzman announce that based upon an investigation by the Passaic Police Department, Lemuel Brown, 35 years old, from Passaic, New Jersey, was arrested on December 8, 2017 in relation to a shooting incident that took place November 28, 2017 in the area of 24 Fifth Street, Passaic, NJ. Mr. Brown is charged with Attempted Murder, First Degree (3 Counts), Unlawful Possession of a Handgun, First Degree; Unlawful Possession of a Handgun, Second Degree; Possession of a Weapon with an Unlawful Purpose, Second Degree (3 Counts) ; and Certain Person Not to Have Weapons, Second Degree.

Marcus Gonzalez, 19 years old, was arrested on November 28, 2017 and charged with Unlawful Possession of a Handgun, Second Degree, and Possession of a Firearm with an Unlawful Purpose, Second Degree and Aggravated Assault, Fourth Degree.

On November 28, 2017, members of the Passaic Police Department responded to the area of 17 Fifth Street on report of shots fired and located a 68-year old male Passaic resident who sustained a gunshot wound to his leg as he exited a parked vehicle on Fifth Street. Based on the investigation, Marcus Gonzalez was identified as one of the suspects involved and was arrested by the Passaic Police Department on November 28, 2017. Further, Mr. Lemuel Brown was identified as another suspect and was arrested by the Passaic Police Department on December 8, 2017.

The sentencing exposure for Mr. Lemuel Brown on First Degree Attempted Murder is 10-20 years New Jersey State Prison with 85% of those terms to be served before parole pursuant to the No Early Release Act and 5 years parole supervision; on First Degree Unlawful Possession of a Handgun is 10-20 years New Jersey State Prison with a minimum of 42 months before parole eligibility pursuant to the Graves Act; on Second Degree, Unlawful Possession of a Handgun is 5-10 years New Jersey State Prison with a minimum of 42 months before parole eligibility pursuant to the Graves Act; on Second Degree Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose it is 5-10 years New Jersey State Prison with 42 months of parole ineligibility pursuant to the Graves Act; and on Second Degree Certain Persons not to Possess a Firearm it is 5-10 years New Jersey State Prison with 5 years of parole ineligibility pursuant to the Graves Act.

The sentencing exposure for Mr. Marcus Gonzalez on Fourth Degree, Aggravated Assault it is 18 months New Jersey State Prison with a minimum of 18 months before parole eligibility pursuant to the Graves Act; and on Second Degree Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose it is

5-10 years New Jersey State Prison with 42 months parole ineligibility pursuant to the Graves Act; and on Second Degree Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose it is 5-10 years New Jersey State Prison with 42 months parole ineligibility pursuant to the Graves Act.

Lemuel Brown is scheduled to appear at Central Judicial Processing on Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 1:30, p.m. The State intends to file a motion for pretrial detention in this matter that will be heard by a Superior Court Judge.

The State filed for Detention on Marcus Gonzalez on November 29, 2017, the matter was heard before the Honorable Justine Niccollai on December 7, 2017, who denied said motion and released Mr. Gonzalez on conditions.

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

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](mailto:tips@passaiccountynj.org) or contact the Passaic Police Detective Bureau at 973-365-3938.

For media inquiries concerning this case, contact Senior Assistant Prosecutor Seth Galkin of the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office at [sgalkin@passaiccountynj.org](mailto:sgalkin@passaiccountynj.org) at (973) 881-4849.