



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **UPDATE: ARREST MADE IN JUNE 10, 2017 SUSPECTED ARSON IN PATERSON**

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PATERSON, NEW JERSEY

June 16, 2017

Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Chief Michael Postorino of the Paterson Fire Department announce the arrest of Nathan D. Santana, age 20 years old, of Paterson, New Jersey, for allegedly entering a motor vehicle parked at 97 East 20<sup>th</sup> Street in Paterson, New Jersey and setting it on fire, which then led to the two-story structure located at that address and two other parked vehicles in the area catching on fire on Saturday, June 10, 2017. There were no reported injuries to either civilians or firefighters.

The media's publication of the flyer produced by the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Arson Unit, depicted still-shot photographs of the arson suspect, led to Santana turning himself in to the Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes detectives on June 15, 2017.

Mr. Santana was charged by way of summons complaint with one count of Arson in the third degree and one count of Burglary in the third degree. Mr. Santana was processed and released on the summons.

The Arson charge and the Burglary charge each carry a potential New Jersey State Prison sentence of up to five years. Accordingly, Mr. Santana faces up to ten years in prison if convicted of both charges.

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

Anyone with additional information regarding this case is asked to call the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office "Tips" line at 1-877-370-PCPO. Information may also be provided electronically via email address: [tips@passaiccountynj.org](mailto:tips@passaiccountynj.org).

For further information, please contact Chief Assistant Prosecutor Paul DeGroot of the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office Major Crimes Unit at (973) 837-7671, or [pdegrootpassaiccountynj.org](mailto:pdegrootpassaiccountynj.org).



(Photo: Nathan D. Santana)