



NEWS RELEASE

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ARRESTS MADE IN CONNECTION WITH NOVEMBER 14, 2017 STABBING INVESTIGATION

PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

December 11, 2017

Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Deputy Paterson Police Chief Ibrahim Baycora announce that based upon an investigation by the Paterson Police Department, in conjunction with the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office, Estiby R. Fernandez, 21-years-old, from Paterson, New Jersey, was arrested on December 5, 2017, Robert W. Pena-Marzan, 18-years-old from Paterson, New Jersey was arrested December 6, 2017, and Jimmy Polanco, 22-years-old from Paterson, NJ was arrested December 10, 2017 in relation to a stabbing incident that took place November 14, 2017 in the area of 40 Lewis Street Paterson, NJ.

Mr. Fernandez is charged with Attempted Murder, First Degree, Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, Fourth Degree; and Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose, Third Degree. Mr. Pena-Marzan is charged with Attempted Murder, First Degree, Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, Fourth Degree; and Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose, Third Degree. Mr. Polanco is charged with Attempted Murder, First Degree, Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, Fourth Degree; Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose, Third Degree; and Aggravated Assault, Second Degree.

On November 14, 2017 at approximately 4:10, p.m., members of the Paterson Police Department responded to 40 Lewis Street on a report of a stabbing. Upon arrival officers located a 15-year-old juvenile male victim who had sustained life threatening stab wounds. The victim was immediately transported to Saint Joseph's Regional Medical Center in Paterson for treatment and has since been released. Based on the investigation Estiby R. Fernandez, Robert W. Pena-Marzan, and Jimmy Polanco were identified as suspects involved. Mr. Fernandez was arrested on December 5, 2017, Mr. Pena-Marzan was arrested on December 6, 2017 and Mr. Polanco turned himself into authorities on December 10, 2017.

The sentencing exposure for Mr. Estiby R. Fernandez 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 Fourth Degree Unlawful Possession of a Weapon is 18 months New Jersey State Prison, on Third Degree Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose it is 3-5 years New Jersey State Prison.

The sentencing exposure for Mr. Robert W. Pena-Marzan 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 Fourth Degree Unlawful Possession of a Weapon is 18 months New Jersey State Prison, and on Third Degree Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose it is 3-5 years New Jersey State Prison.

The sentencing exposure for Mr. Jimmy Polanco 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 Fourth Degree Unlawful Possession of a Weapon is 18 months New Jersey State Prison, on Third Degree Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose it is 3-5 years New Jersey State Prison, and on Second Degree Aggravated Assault it is 5-10 New Jersey State Prison with 85% of those terms to be served before parole pursuant to the No Early Release Act and 3 years parole supervision

Estiby Fernandez appeared at Central Judicial Processing on December 6, 2017. The State has filed a motion for pretrial detention in this matter that will be heard by a Superior Court Judge on December 15, 2017.

Robert W. Pena-Marzan appeared at Central Judicial Processing on December 7, 2017. The State has filed a motion for pretrial detention in this matter that will be heard by a Superior Court Judge on December 15, 2017.

Jimmy Polanco appeared at Central Judicial Processing on December 11, 2017. The State has filed a motion for pretrial detention in this matter that will be heard by a Superior Court Judge on December 14, 2017.

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 or contact the Paterson Police Ceasefire Unit at 973-321-1342.

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



(Photo: Jimmy Polanco)



(Photo: Robert W. Pena-Marzan)



(Photo: Estiby R. Fernandez)