

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **UPDATE: MONTCLAIR DELI SHOOTING**

PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Deputy Paterson Police Chief Troy Oswald announce that based upon an investigation by the Paterson Police Department's Cease Fire Unit, in conjunction with the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office, that Sylvester Huffin, 34 years old from Paterson, New Jersey has been charged with Attempted Murder, first degree; (two counts); Unlawful Possession of a Weapon (Handgun), second degree; Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose, second degree; and Certain Persons not to have Weapons, second degree on Monday March 27, 2017. If convicted of Attempted Murder, the Defendant faces up to 20 years imprisonment with the No Early Release Act (NERA) to apply as to each count.

All of the shooting victims are currently in stable condition. Huffin will appear at Central Judicial Processing at a later date to be determined.

A criminal complaint is merely an accusation. Despite this accusation, the 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.

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 Jason Statuto of the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office at <u>jstatuto@passaiccountynj.org</u> or at (973) 881-4807.



(Photo: Sylvester Huffin)