



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **UPDATE: SUBJECT OF POLICE-INVOLVED SHOOTING ON MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup> IN PATERSON HAS DIED**

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PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes announces an update for the police-involved shooting that occurred in the City of Paterson on March 2, 2017.

On Thursday, March 2, 2017, at approximately 9:30 a.m., an on-duty Paterson Police Officer discharged a firearm in the area of Levine Street at Main Street. The Passaic County Prosecutor's Office Shooting Response Team was activated and it continues to investigate the use-of-force incident in accordance with Attorney General Directives.

The investigation remains active and ongoing and information is subject to change as it develops. It is alleged that a male party with a knife was observed acting erratically on Levine Street. Two on-duty officers responded to the area and encountered this individual. During the encounter, one of the officers discharged a firearm striking the male party with a knife. A knife was recovered at the scene.

It is alleged that the male party with the knife was Ramon Andrade, 37, of Paterson, who was subsequently transported to St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center in Paterson for treatment for his injuries. Since March 2, 2017, Mr. Andrade received continuous medical care at St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Andrade died early this morning, March 16, 2017, at St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center. Next-of-kin has been notified. A post-mortem examination will be conducted by the Regional Medical Examiner in Newark at a later date.

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).

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