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ARREST MADE IN CONNECTION WITH FEBRUARY 1, 2018 KIDNAPPING INVESTIGATION

PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Passaic Police Chief Luis A. Guzman announce that based upon an investigation by the Passaic Police Department, Randal M. Olivio-Rondon, 20 years old, from Bronx, New York and Luis R. Romero, 22 years old, from Bronx, New York were arrested on February 2, 2018 in relation to a kidnapping incident that took place February 1, 2018.

Mr. Olivio-Rondon is charged with Robbery, First Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Robbery, Second Degree; Kidnapping, First Degree; Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, Second Degree; Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose, Second Degree; Terroristic Threats, Third Degree; Aggravated Assault, Third Degree; Attempted Theft by Extortion, Third Degree; Luring, Third Degree; and Receiving Stolen Property, Third Degree.

Mr. Romero is charged with Robbery, First Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Robbery, Second Degree; Kidnapping, First Degree; Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, Second Degree; Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose, Second Degree; Terroristic Threats, Third Degree; Aggravated Assault, Third Degree; Attempted Theft by Extortion, Third Degree; Luring, Third Degree; and Receiving Stolen Property, Third Degree.

On February 2, 2018 a 28-year-old male from Passaic responded to the Passaic Police Department to advise that he was kidnapped on February 1, 2018 and that the actors would be demanding additional money later that day. The victim was taken to St. Mary's General Hospital in Passaic, NJ for treatment of injuries sustained during the incident. Based on the initial investigation, on February 1, 2018 at approximately 9:30, p.m. the victim was in the area of Main Avenue and Autumn Street Passaic, NJ when two individuals approached him and his wife. The victim's wife was able to flee, while one of the suspects brandished a handgun and ordered the victim into a vehicle and drove off. While in the vehicle the victim was assaulted and had his wallet and necklace taken. The individuals demanded \$7,000 by the following evening and threatened to kill the victim and his wife if the money was not received. The victim was released and responded to the Passaic Police Department on February 2, 2018. The victim was contacted on February 2, 2018 demanding the additional money money and was provided a location to meet with the suspects. Based on the investigation members of the Passaic Police Department were able to identify and apprehend Randal M. Olivio-Rondon and Luis R. Romero as the suspects involved in this investigation.

The sentencing exposure on First Degree Robbery is 10-20 years New Jersey State Prison with 85% of that term to be served before parole eligibility pursuant to the No Early Release Act, five years parole supervision thereafter; on Second Degree Conspiracy to Commit Robbery it is 5-10 years New Jersey State Prison with 85% of that term to be served before parole eligibility pursuant to the No Early Release Act, three years parole supervision thereafter; on First Degree Kidnapping it is 15-30 years New Jersey State Prison with 85% of that term to be served before parole eligibility pursuant to the No Early Release Act, five years parole supervision thereafter; Second Degree Unlawful Possession of a Weapon it is 5-10 years New Jersey State Prison with a minimum of 3 ½ years before parole eligibility pursuant to the Graves Act; Second Degree Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose it is 5-10 years New Jersey State Prison with a minimum of 3 ½ years before parole eligibility pursuant to the Graves Act; on Third Degree Terroristic Threats it is 3-5 years New Jersey State Prison; on Third Degree Aggravated Assault it is 3-5 years New Jersey State Prison, on Third Degree Attempted Theft by Extortion it is 3-5 years New Jersey State Prison; on Third Degree Luring is 3-5 years New Jersey State Prison; and on Third Degree Receiving Stolen Property it is 3-5 years New Jersey State Prison.

Randal M. Olivio-Rondon and Luis R. Romero are scheduled to appear at Central Judicial Processing on Monday February 5, 2018 at 1:30, p.m. The State has filed a motion for pretrial detention in this matter that will be heard by a Superior Court Judge.

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 Passaic Police Department 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 or at (973) 881-4849.



(Photo: Randal M. Olivio-Rondon)



(Photo: Luis R. Romero)