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ARREST MADE IN CONNECTION WITH NOVEMBER 15, 2022 SHOOTING INVESTIGATION

PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Acting Paterson Police Chief Bert Ribeiro announce that based upon an investigation by the Paterson Police Department, in conjunction with the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office, Wiziar Johnson, 18-years-old from Paterson, New Jersey, was arrested in relation to a shooting investigation that took place on November 15, 2022, in the area of Franklin Street and Mercer Street in Paterson, New Jersey. Wiziar Johnson is charged with Attempted Murder, First Degree; Attempted Robbery, Second Degree, Unlawful Possession of a Handgun, Second Degree; and Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose, Second Degree.

Wiziar Johnson is also charged in connection to an unrelated incident that occurred on November 6, 2022, in Paterson with three counts of Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, Second Degree; three counts of Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose, Second Degree; Receiving Stolen Property, Third Degree; and Endangering Another Person, Third Degree.

At approximately 12:08 p.m. on November 15, 2022, members of the Paterson Police Department responded to the area of Straight Street and Lafayette Street in Paterson, New Jersey on a report of shots fired. Upon arrival, police located a 45-year-old male Totowa, New Jersey resident suffering from a non-fatal gunshot wound. The victim was immediately treated on scene but declined further medical treatment. Based on the investigation, police determined that the victim was seated in a motor vehicle in the area of Franklin Street and Mercer Street in Paterson, New Jersey when he was shot.

Through the course of the investigation, Paterson Police identified Wiziar Johnson as the shooter and a warrant was issued for his arrest. On November 28, 2022, at approximately 1:45 a.m. members of the Paterson Police Department arrested Wiziar Johnson in the area of Mercer Street and Franklin Street in Paterson.

The sentencing exposure for Wiziar Johnson on First Degree Attempted Murder is 10-20 years New Jersey State Prison with 85% of the term to be served before parole eligibility pursuant to

the No Early Release Act and 5 years parole supervision; on Second Degree Attempted Robbery it is 10-20 years New Jersey State Prison with 85% of the term to be served before parole eligibility pursuant to the No Early Release Act and 5 years parole supervision; on each count of Second Degree Unlawful Possession of a Handgun it is 5-10 years New Jersey State Prison with a minimum of 42 months before parole eligibility pursuant to the Graves Act; on each count of Second Degree Possession of a Handgun for an Unlawful Purpose it is 5-10 years New Jersey State Prison with 42 months of parole ineligibility pursuant to the Graves Act; on Third Degree Receiving Stolen Property it is 3-5 years New Jersey State Prison; and on Third Degree Endangering Another Person it is 3-5 years New Jersey State Prison.

The State intends to file a motion for the pretrial detention of Wizar Johnson which 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 Paterson Police Ceasefire Unit at 973-321-1342.

For media inquiries concerning this incident, contact Senior Assistant Prosecutor Evan Mongiardo of the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office at emongiardo@passaiccountynj.org or at (973) 225-5447.



(Photo: Wizar Johnson)