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Man charged for attempted kidnapping

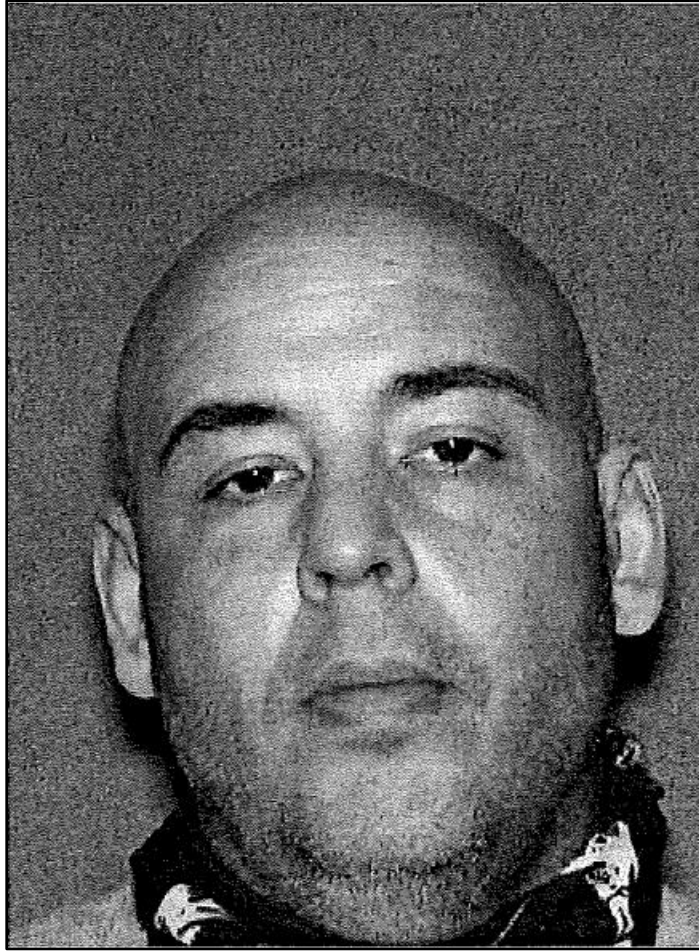
Middlesex County Prosecutor Yolanda Ciccone and Director Anthony A. Caputo of the New Brunswick Police Department announced today that a City man has been charged with attempted kidnapping.

On January 29, 2021, Gary Prichard, 41, of New Brunswick was arrested and charged with fourth-degree possession of an imitation firearm for an unlawful purpose and second-degree attempted kidnapping.

Prichard was charged following an investigation by Detective Keith Walcott of the New Brunswick Police Department. The investigation determined that, on Monday, January 25, 2021 at approximately 11:30 P.M., Prichard drove up to the victim as she was walking on Easton Avenue. As Prichard approached the victim, he drew what appeared to be a handgun and demanded she get into his truck. When the victim refused, Prichard fled the area. Prichard was ultimately identified as the driver and owner of the truck, which was captured on camera as he fled the scene. A starter pistol was also recovered from Prichard's truck following the execution of a search warrant.

Prichard is presently lodged at the Middlesex County Adult Correction Center where he is being held pending a pre-trial detention hearing in Superior Court next week.

The investigation is active and continuing. Anyone with information is asked to call Detective Walcott at (732) 745-5217. As is the case with all criminal defendants, the charges against Prichard are merely accusations and he is presumed innocent until proven guilty.



Note to editors: Included with this release are photos of Prichard and the vehicle of interest.

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