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Two teens arrested and charged with murder

Middlesex County Prosecutor Yolanda Ciccone and Director Anthony A. Caputo of the New Brunswick Police Department announced today that two juveniles were arrested in connection with a fatal shooting and stabbing.

On July 29, 2021 at approximately 8:31 A.M., authorities responded to the area of Comstock Street and Joyce Kilmer Avenue following the report of a shooting. Upon their arrival, officers located Omar Maroquin-Levya, 25, of New Brunswick who sustained apparent gunshot and stab wounds. Maroquin-Levya was transported to a nearby hospital where he was later pronounced dead.

An investigation by Detective Victor Delgado of the New Brunswick Police Department and Detective Paul Kelley of the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office determined two male juveniles, both 17 and of New Brunswick, stabbed and shot Maroquin-Levya. At present, the murder does not appear to be a random act and the juveniles and victim were acquainted.

On August 3, 2021, members of the New Brunswick Police Department and the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office located the juveniles in Irvington Township. The juveniles were then arrested and charged with juvenile delinquency for offenses, which if committed by an adult would constitute murder and weapons offenses.

Today, the juveniles were detained following a preliminary hearing before the Honorable Deborah J. Venezia, a judge of the Superior Court.

The investigation is active and continuing. Anyone with information is asked to call Detective Delgado at (732) 745-5200 or Detective Kelley at (732) 745- 3330.

As is the case with all criminal defendants, the charges against the juveniles are merely accusations and they are presumed innocent until adjudicated delinquent.

Note to editors: Questions may be directed to Assistant Prosecutor Conner Ouellette, Public Information Officer, mcpopress@co.middlesex.nj.us.