



NEW BRUNSWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## **Suspect Arrested in Connection with Two Shootings**

On May 21, 2021, New Brunswick Police Department detectives arrested Nelson Benitez (22 year old male from New Brunswick) in connection with a shooting incident that occurred on May 17, 2021 near the corner of Redmond Street and Lee Avenue. In that incident, Kevin Almaya (18 year old male from New Brunswick) was shot several times in the back. During the investigation Mr. Benitez was connected to another shooting incident on March 21, 2021 that occurred in the 100 block of Townsend Street. In that incident, Selvin Hernandez (35 year old male from New Brunswick) was shot in the leg. In both incidents the victim's injuries were non-life threatening. The investigation has shown that both incidents were predicated by previous altercations between the Mr. Benitez and the victims.

In relation to the May 17, 2021 assault, Mr. Benitez is charged with: Attempted Murder, Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose, and Possession of an Assault Weapon.

In relation to the March 21, 2021 assault, Mr. Benitez is charged with: Attempted Murder, Aggravated Assault, Unlawful Possession of a Weapon and Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose.

As is the case with all criminal defendants, the charges against Nelson Benitez are merely accusations and he is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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