# NEWS RELEASE

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## ARREST MADE IN CONNECTION WITH OCTOBER 13, 2021 STABBING INVESTIGATION

PATERSON, NEW JERSEY: October 14, 2021

Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Hawthorne Police Chief James W. Knepper announce that based upon an investigation by the Hawthorne Police Department, Ryan Thompson, 44-years-old from Hawthorne, New Jersey was arrested in relation to a stabbing investigation that occurred October 13, 2021, in the area of Minerva Avenue and Hawthorne Avenue in Hawthorne, New Jersey. Ryan Thompson is charged with Attempted Murder, First-Degree; Aggravated Assault, Second-Degree; and Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose, Third-Degree.

On October 13, 2021, at approximately 6:30 p.m., a 73-year-old male Vernon, New Jersey resident entered the Hawthorne Police Department Headquarters and informed officers he had been stabbed. The victim was immediately transported to Saint Joseph's University Medical Center in Paterson, New Jersey for treatment. Based on the investigation, Ryan Thompson was identified and later arrested in the area Minerva Avenue and Hawthorne Avenue.

The sentencing exposure for Ryan Thompson 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 Aggravated Assault is 5 to 10 years in New Jersey State Prison with 85% of the term to be served before parole eligibility pursuant to the No Early Release Act and 3 years parole supervision; and on Third-Degree Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose it is 3-5 years New Jersey Prison

The State intends to file a motion for pretrial detention 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 Hawthorne Police Department at (973) 427-1800.

For media inquiries concerning this incident, contact Senior Assistant Prosecutor-In-Charge Jennifer Fetterman of the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office at jfetterman@passaiccountynj.org or at (973) 881-4811.

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