



# NEWS RELEASE

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## ARREST MADE IN CONNECTION TO THE AUGUST 4, 2019 HOMICIDE IN THE AREA OF 271 SUMMER STREET IN PATERSON

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PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Paterson Police Chief Troy Oswald announce that Ramon "Lavar" Belfield has been arrested in connection to the homicide that took place on August 4, 2019 in the area of 271 Summer Street in Paterson. On October 4, 2019, at approximately 8:02 p.m., officers arrested Belfield in the area of 246 Market Street in Paterson without incident. Belfield is charged with Murder, first degree; Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose, second degree; Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, Second degree; Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, first degree, and Certain Persons not to Possess Firearms, second degree.

On August 4, 2019, at approximately 10:20 p.m., police officers responded to the area of 271 Summer Street in the City of Paterson in response to a report of shots fired. Upon their arrival, the officers discovered the victim, Kevin Lewis, 28 years old from Paterson, lying in the street unresponsive having suffered multiple gunshot wounds. The victim was transported to St. Joseph's University Medical Center in Paterson, where he was immediately rushed into surgery. A short time later, Mr. Lewis died from his wounds and was pronounced deceased at approximately 5:15 a.m. The investigation revealed that there had been an ongoing dispute between the victim and Belfield, and while they were hanging out with a larger group of people on the evening of August 4<sup>th</sup> outside on Summer Street, an argument ensued and Belfield took out a handgun and opened fire on Lewis.

The State has filed a motion for pretrial detention in this matter that will be heard by a Superior Court Judge sometime next week at a date and time to be determined by the Court.

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](mailto:tips@passaiccountynj.org) or contact the Paterson Police Detective Bureau at 973-321-1120.

For media inquiries concerning this case, contact Chief Assistant Prosecutor Jason Statuto of the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office at [jstatuto@passaiccountynj.org](mailto:jstatuto@passaiccountynj.org) or at (973) 837-7733.



Ramon Lavar Belfield