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Hoboken PD arrests man for assaulting police officers

Hoboken, NJ - The Hoboken Department of Public Safety and Police Department announce the arrest of a Hoboken man for assaulting three police officers, and threatening others.

On **July 13, 2023**, at approximately 4:30 p.m., Sgt. Francis McCourt and Police Officers Samuel Flores, Christopher Barral, Ramon Estrella, Anthony Hochstadter, Dominick Allegretta, Anthony Azzoline, and Harry Montalvo responded to the Hoboken Shelter, 300 Bloomfield St., on reports of a man with a knife, refusing to leave. When they arrived, officers recognized the suspect as 29-year-old Jesus Ortega of Hoboken, formerly of California. The officers stayed calm and used their training to quickly defuse the situation without the suspect or bystanders being injured. Three of the officers were treated at Hoboken University Medical Center for minor injuries they received during a struggle when they took Ortega into custody.

"I applaud all the officers, whose swift and professional actions brought this incident to the safest possible conclusion," **said Public Safety Director Ken Ferrante**. "They showed remarkable restraint under stressful circumstances."

"I thank all my officers for their professionalism while dealing with an aggressive and armed suspect," **said Police Chief Steven Aguiar**. "Their quick thinking, training, and de-escalation techniques were key to mitigating the number of injuries suffered."

Ortega was arrested and charged with making terroristic threats, aggravated assault, resisting arrest, and disorderly conduct. He was transported to the Hudson County Correctional Facility. HPD's Investigations Bureau, under the supervision of Det. Sgt. William Collins, assisted in this arrest and investigation.

The charges are merely accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless, and until, proven guilty in a court of law.