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PRESS RELEASE

Hoboken Police arrest Kearny man for attempted murder as investigation into shots fired incident continues

The Hoboken Police Department announces the arrest of 18-year-old Elias Mercado of Kearny on multiple charges including criminal attempted murder.

On Thursday, Dec. 19, at approximately 1 p.m., Police Officers Bianca Arroyo and Jennifer Lee responded to the area of Fourth and Jackson Streets on reports of shots fired. Additional units also responded.

An on-scene investigation revealed that a dispute between two groups, known to each other, resulted in shots fired near the intersection of Fourth and Jackson Streets. All involved parties dispersed the area immediately following the gunfire, some in vehicles. Officers quickly located Mercado in a nearby building and he was arrested for criminal attempted murder. A search incident to arrest of Mercado located a bullet casing, 14 wax folds containing a white powdery substance suspected to be CDS heroin, 17 vials containing small white rocks, suspected to be CDS crack cocaine, and cash totaling \$126.

Mercado was transported to Hoboken Police Headquarters where he was further charged with burglary, unlawful possession of a weapon, possession of a weapon for unlawful purpose, possession of controlled dangerous substances, possession with intent to distribute within 500 feet of public housing, possession with intent to distribute, and possession with intent to distribute within 1000 feet of a school.

The investigation by Hoboken Police Department's Detective Bureau, led by Det. Sgt. William Collins, continues. Anyone who has more information on this case is asked to contact Det. Sgt. Collins at: Collinsw@hobokenpdnj.gov or: 201-420-2100 ext. 3152. Tips can be made anonymously.