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## **Press Release**

### **For Immediate Release**

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### **Man Arrested Following Shooting**

Linden – A Newark man was arrested and is facing charges for his role in an altercation that resulted in a shooting.

At approximately 7:42 p.m. on Sunday, September 26, 2021, Officers responded to the 500 block of Union St on reports of a shooting. They quickly located the victim, a 44-year-old man from Rahway, who had suffered multiple gun shot wounds. The defendant, identified as Ramon Perez Jr, 33, was also located and taken into custody. A semi-automatic handgun loaded with hollow-point bullets was recovered from the scene.

The victim was treated on scene, and transported to Newark University Hospital. He is currently listed in stable condition.

“Violent crime like this has no place in our community,” said Linden Police Chief David Hart. “We are pleased with the quick arrest in this case, and we are proud of the Officers and members of our community who continue to work tirelessly so that incidents like this are never tolerated or accepted as normal.”

Perez is charged with second-degree aggravated assault and related weapons charges. He was committed to the Union County Jail pending a scheduled appearance in Superior Court.

"We will do everything humanely possible to make sure these individuals are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law," said Mayor Derek Armstead. "We hope their prosecution deters others from coming into our community and exhibiting such behavior."

This incident remains under investigation by the Linden Police Detective Bureau, and anyone with information is urged to contact Det. Michael Cistaro at (908) 474- 8530 or via email at [mcistaro@lpdnj.org](mailto:mcistaro@lpdnj.org). Information about this incident or any other crime can also be shared anonymously via email to [crimetips@lpdnj.org](mailto:crimetips@lpdnj.org).

These criminal charges are mere accusations. Every defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

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