

**DEPARTMENT of
PUBLIC SAFETY**

**PUBLIC
INFORMATION
OFFICE**



**480 Clinton Avenue, 2nd Floor
Newark, New Jersey 07108
(973) 733-6008**

**Ras J. Baraka, Mayor
Anthony F. Ambrose, Public Safety Director
Raul Malave III, Assistant Public Safety Director
Arthur Jorge, Deputy Chief of Police Operations
Rufus L. Jackson, Chief of Fire**

**For Immediate Release
November 6, 2020**

**For Further Information, Contact:
Catherine Adams, Sergeant David Dos Santos or Barry Carter
Email: pio@ci.newark.nj.us**

Police Apprehend 13 Shooting Suspects Since October 1st *Recovering 29 Illegal Firearms in Last 14 Days*

Newark Public Safety Director Anthony F. Ambrose reports that Police have arrested 13 men for various shooting incidents since October 1st and recovered 29 firearms within the past two weeks, resulting in 20 arrests.

“I applaud the Newark Police Division’s Shooting Response Team for a job well done,” Director Ambrose said. “When we apprehend those individuals who commit violence on our streets and recover illegal guns, it’s a win-win for the safety of our community members and highlights the hard work and dedication of Newark Police.”

Unique Anderson, 29, of Montclair, was arrested on October 1, 2020 for a shooting of a male victim on August 21, 2020 in the 100 block of Richelieu Terrace. Anderson faces charges of aggravated assault, unlawful possession of a weapon, possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and criminal mischief.

Jose A. Zambrana, 28, of Newark, was arrested on October 8, 2020 for a shooting involving four victims on September 20, 2020 in the 600 block of Broadway. Zambrana is charged with aggravated assault, unlawful possession of a weapon, possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and conspiracy.

Christopher Miller, 30, of Newark, and Rahzon Hester, 30, of East Orange, were both arrested on October 24th and October 19th, respectively, for the discharge of a firearm within the city limits on October 15, 2020 in the 300 block of South 10th Street. Each faces charges of aggravated assault, unlawful possession of a weapon and possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose. Hester faces the additional charges of carjacking and certain persons prohibited from weapon possession.

Javier F. Abreu-Brito, 37, of Newark, was arrested on October 20, 2020 for shooting at two men at Park Avenue and Stone Street. Abreu-Brito is charged with two counts of aggravated assault, unlawful possession of a weapon and possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose.

Larry Hayes, 33, of Hazelton, Pennsylvania, was arrested on October 21, 2020 for a discharge of a firearm within the city limits on September 29, 2020 in the 500 block of Central Avenue. Hayes faces charges of aggravated assault, unlawful possession of a weapon and possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose.

Bruce G. Wooten, 41, of Irvington, was arrested on October 24, 2020 for a shooting on August 23, 2020 at Center Street and Park Place. Wooten is charged with aggravated assault, unlawful possession of a weapon, possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and criminal mischief.

Christopher Miller, 30, of Newark, was arrested on October 24, 2020 for a shooting involving four victims on July 13, 2020 at South 10th Street and South Orange Avenue. In this incident, Miller is charged with unlawful possession of a weapon.

Abdul S. Williams, 22, of Newark, was arrested on October 22, 2020 for a shooting on October 7, 2020 at the Exxon Gas Station, 1425 McCarter Highway. Two men were shot at and another was injured. Williams faces three counts of aggravated assault, unlawful possession of a weapon and criminal mischief.

Zakiyy Simpson, 27, was arrested on October 28, 2020 following a shooting of a male victim on August 19, 2020 in the 700 block of Frelinghuysen Avenue. Simpson faces charges of unlawful possession of a weapon, possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose, two counts of conspiracy and false swearing.

Samad S. Davis, 24, of Carteret, was arrested on November 1, 2020 in Philadelphia for the shooting of a woman on October 25, 2020 in the 600 block of Irvine Turner Boulevard. His charges of aggravated assault, unlawful possession of a weapon and possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose are pending his extradition.

Aziz Khawaja, 37, of Elizabeth, and Al-Hakim Young, 30, of Newark, were both arrested on November 3rd and 4th, respectively, for an October 19, 2020 shooting at a residence at West Kinney Street near Nevada Street. Each suspect faces charges of robbery, aggravated assault, unlawful possession of weapon, possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose and conspiracy.

Deshawn King-Meyers, 18, was arrested for a 2018 shooting that occurred on October 17, 2018 in the 100 block of Elizabeth Avenue. King-Meyers aggravated assault, unlawful possession of weapon and possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose.

These charges are merely accusations. Each suspect is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

