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UPDATE: Newark Man Arrested in Aggravated Assault Shooting

Newark Public Safety Director Brian A. O'Hara reports that Shamon Freshley, 22, of Newark was arrested and charged for his involvement in a shooting incident that occurred on May 14, 2021.

Units responded to the area of N. Munn on reports of shots fired around 4:10 p.m. At that location, officers were able to locate a crime scene and determine that a dark-colored vehicle was involved in the incident. Investigators from our Shooting Response Team gathered evidence and determined that Shamon Freshley was involved in the incident.

Shamon Freshley was also charged with numerous firearm-related offenses, including aggravated assault and criminal mischief.

It was later determined that Shamon Freshley was in New Jersey State prison on robbery and aggravated assault charges. However, he was among more than 2,000 inmates released early from prison last year due to the spread of COVID-19 in New Jersey's correctional facilities.

Under a new law to reduce the spread of COVID-19, adult and juvenile prisoners with a year or less remaining on their sentences were eligible to be released if they were incarcerated during the pandemic. Shamon Freshley was released early on September 4, 2020.

The charges against Shamon Freshley are merely accusations. The suspect is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



Shamon Freshley