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On December 23, 2025, Police Officer Frank Dubicki Jr. was on patrol in the area of Kennedy Boulevard when a man flagged him down. The man reported that two individuals had entered his business on the 6800 block of Kennedy Boulevard, armed with a knife and a handgun, and had attempted to rob him. The victim directed P.O. F. Dubicki to a nearby gas station, where one of the suspects was seated inside a pickup truck. P.O. F. Dubicki instructed Carlos J. Hernandez of Wallington, NJ, who was inside the pickup truck, to exit the vehicle. Hernandez was taken into custody without incident by P.O. F. Dubicki. Shortly after, P.O. F. Dubicki observed Crismar Vasquez of West New York, NJ, the second man involved in the incident, walking toward the gas station and approaching the pickup truck. P.O. F. Dubicki took Vasquez into custody without incident.

Carlos J. Hernandez was charged with Robbery [2C:15-1a(2)], Conspiracy to Commit Robbery [2C:5-2a(1)], [2C:15-1a(2)], Unlawful Possession of a Weapon - Handgun without a Permit [2C:39-5b(1)], Certain Persons Not to Have Weapons or Ammunition [2C:39-7], Possession of a Weapon for Unlawful Purpose [2C:39-4a(1)], and Carrying a Handgun Openly [2C:58-4.5b].

Crismar Vasquez was charged with Robbery [2C:15-1a(2)], Conspiracy to Commit Robbery [2C:5-2a(1)], [2C:15-1a(2)], and Possession of a Weapon for Unlawful Purpose, [2C:39-4d].

After completing their arrest processing, Hernandez and Vasquez were issued their complaint warrants and were then lodged in the Hudson County Correctional Center.

Officers of the Patrol Division and Criminal Investigations Unit immediately began gathering surveillance footage from the area and, as a result, applied for a search warrant for the vehicle.

On December 25, 2025, following the approval of a Superior Court authorized search warrant, members of the Guttenberg Police Department's Criminal Investigations Unit recovered a Ruger Max 9 handgun chambered in 9mm, with a high-capacity magazine, with hollow-point and full-metal jacket ammunition, and a Mace Pepper Gun within the vehicle. Upon recovery of this evidence, new charges were drafted. Carlos J. Hernandez was also charged with Possession of a Weapon for Unlawful Purposes - Imitation Firearm [2C:39-4e], and Crismar Vasquez was charged with Violations of the Regulatory Provisions Relating to Firearms [2C:39-10a(1)], Possession of a High Capacity Magazine [2C:39-3j], Possession of

