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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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File #: 25-11975

Call Type: Robbery/Disorderly Conduct

Date: 04/25/2025

Time: 00:26 AM

On April 25th, 2025, at approximately 12:26AM, the West New York Police Department notified our agency that their officers were in the area of 64th Street and Bergenline Avenue, with a male who reported that he was beaten and robbed of his scooter at 68th Street and Bergenline Avenue. Members of the Guttenberg Police Department's Patrol Division immediately responded and received a description of the suspect and the scooter taken from the victim. While speaking with the victim, officers observed multiple lacerations on the victim's body and face. The victim was also missing a part of his tooth as the result of the incident. As West New York's Emergency Medical Services were beginning to evaluate the victim, detectives and officers of the West New York Police Department informed us that they located a male, matching the suspect's description, who had a scooter in his possession and blood on his clothing. During the remainder of the investigation, the victim was able to positively identify the suspect as the individual who committed the robbery, which was then confirmed via our CCTV surveillance cameras from the intersection of 68th Street and Bergenline Avenue. As the result of this joint investigation with the West New York Police Department, our officers arrested 36-year-old Ariel Sandoval-Paulino of North Bergen, NJ, for robbery [2C:15-1A(1)] and disorderly conduct [2C:33-2A(1)]. Mr. Sandoval-Paulino was then transported to the Guttenberg Police Department for his arrest processing. Upon the completion of his arrest processing, Mr. Sandoval-Paulino was issued his complaint warrant and then lodged in the Hudson County Correctional Center.

Message from Chief Frank Pelaez: *I would like to thank my officers for a job well done and acknowledge the efforts of the detectives and officers of the West New York Police Department for their assistance with this investigation. Their efforts to assist our victim and our agency with this incident led to the speedy apprehension of a violent individual who caused our victim some serious injuries. To the residents of Guttenberg, rest assured that the Guttenberg Police Department, along with all of our surrounding law enforcement partners, are always working together to ensure that our communities are safe and that individuals who threaten that safety are successfully apprehended.*

If anyone has any information pertaining to this incident, they are encouraged to contact the Guttenberg Police Department at 201-868-3300 or email:

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| 1. Lt. Steven Diaz | sdiaz@guttenbergpolice.org |
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The charges above are merely accusations. Every defendant is presumed innocent unless, and until, proven guilty in a court of law.

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