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Eastampton Man Charged with Firearms Offenses Following Shooting

Burlington County Prosecutor LaChia L. Bradshaw and City of Burlington Police Chief Ryan P. Elbertson announced that a 19-year-old Eastampton man faces weapons charges after firing multiple rounds from a handgun toward an occupied vehicle last month in the New Yorkshire section of the city.

Donte Anderson was charged with two counts of Aggravated Assault (Second Degree, Fourth Degree), Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose (Second Degree), Unlawful Possession of a Weapon (Second Degree), Possessing a Defaced Firearm (Fourth Degree) and Possession of a Large Capacity Ammunition Magazine (Fourth Degree).

He was taken into custody August 25 and lodged in the Burlington County Jail in Mount Holly. A Superior Court judge ordered him to be detained. The case will now be prepared for presentation to a grand jury for possible indictment.

The investigation began the evening of August 14 after officers from the City of Burlington Police Department responded to the area of York Street and Clarkson Street for a report of shots fired.

The investigation revealed that on that night, Anderson was in the City of Burlington and fired approximately 10 rounds toward a sedan because he and the occupants had been in a dispute. Nobody was reported injured by the gunfire. The handgun believed to be used in the shooting was recovered at a residence in Lumberton.

The investigation was conducted by the Prosecutor's Office and the City of Burlington Police Department, with assistance from the Burlington Township Police Department. The lead investigators are BCPO Major Crimes Unit Detective Joseph R. Clark, BCPO Crime Scene Unit Detective Kevin Smith, City of Burlington Detective William Lancenese and City of Burlington Detective Cameron Lung.

All persons are considered innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

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