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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

On Tuesday, July 21st, 2026, at approximately 3:30pm an Allentown Patrol Officer observed 2 males wearing face masks and black clothing in the area of 8th & Maple Sts. When the actors saw the marked police car, they immediately fled on foot. As they were fleeing, witnesses reported that these two males had just robbed a female victim at gunpoint near a bank in the 00 blk N 8th St. During the robbery the actors stole a large amount of cash and a cell phone from the victim. Patrol officers chased and apprehended these two males. Both were in possession of handguns, one of which was found to be a stolen handgun. A search after apprehension revealed the victim's stolen cash and stolen cell phone.

As a result of the great observations and investigative work by Patrol, the following individuals were arrested and charged:

Jahniel Perez-Matos

Age 20 of Nutley, NJ

Charged with: Robbery (F3), Person not to Possess a Firearm (F2), Theft (F3), Receiving Stolen Property (F3), Carrying a Concealed Firearm w/o License (F3), Evading Arrest (M2)

Alex Aracena Polanco

Age 20 of Deer Park, NY

Charged with: Robbery (F3), Theft (F3), Carrying a Concealed Firearm w/o License (F3), Evading Arrest (M2)

**As in every criminal case, the fact that a warrant has been issued or a complaint has been filed is merely an accusation; and the defendants in this case are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.*

There will be no further comment at this time regarding this investigation.