

ESSEX COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

SUSPECT ARRESTED IN WEST ORANGE HOMICIDE

Acting Essex County Prosecutor Carolyn A. Murray and West Orange Police Chief James P. Abbott have announced that an arrest has been made in connection with the murder of Jacques Nelson that occurred in West Orange, NJ in the predawn hours on August 6, 2012. The suspect, Nolvin Garcia, age 24 of Orange, was arrested late Sunday night in Laredo, TX by US Border Patrol Agents.

The murder occurred in a parking lot outside of Misty's Restaurant and Bar on Main Street in West Orange. A fight began when patrons were leaving the bar and Nelson, a 32 year old father of four who was working as a bouncer at Misty's, attempted to break up the disturbance. As Nelson was trying to separate the combatants, Garcia pulled a gun and shot Nelson in the chest. Nelson was pronounced dead at the scene.

An investigation conducted by the Essex County Major Crimes Task Force and the West Orange Police Department led detectives to identify Garcia as the shooter. The Essex County Prosecutor's Office obtained a warrant for his arrest within two days of the incident and detectives made numerous attempts to apprehend Garcia. Chief Abbott complimented the diligent efforts of the detectives from the West Orange and the Prosecutor's Task Force and he praised the cooperation among law enforcement agencies in bringing this investigation to a swift conclusion.

Garcia will be held in Texas pending extradition to NJ, according to Chief Assistant Prosecutor Thomas S. Fennelly of the Prosecutor's Homicide Unit. Bail for Garcia was set at \$750,000 when the arrest warrants were issued.

The charges against Garcia are accusations. All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty or plead guilty in a court of law.

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