

Roselle teen charged with attempted murder in connection with May shooting

Juvenile complaints for attempted murder and two weapons offenses have been filed against a Roselle teenager in connection with a shooting that took place in Linden earlier this year, acting Union County Prosecutor Grace H. Park, Linden Police Chief James M. Schulhafer, and Roselle Police Chief Gerard Orlando jointly announced Tuesday.

The defendant, who is not being identified because he was 17 at the time of the shooting, was arrested by Roselle police on Monday.

It was approximately 11:15 p.m. on Saturday, May 31, 2014 when gunfire erupted out of a sedan driving past a home on the 800 block of Cleveland Avenue in Linden, according to Union County Assistant Prosecutor Jeremiah Lenihan, who is prosecuting the case. A group of several individuals was standing outside the home at the time; one of them was grazed in the forehead by a bullet and survived his injuries, Lenihan said.

An intensive joint investigation involving the Prosecutor's Office's Guns, Gangs, Drugs, and Violent Crimes Task Force, the Linden Police Department, and the Roselle Police Department resulted in the juvenile defendant being identified as a suspect in the case.

These complaints are mere accusations. Each defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.