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Chief of Police Andrew R. McGurr announces that a juvenile actor has been taken into custody and charged on a juvenile delinquency complaint following an aggravated assault that occurred last night.

On Tuesday, October 31, 2023, at approximately 8:56 PM, Officers responded to the Seasons Express store, located at 465 Cedar Lane, following several 911 calls reporting an incident. Upon their arrival, they discovered a victim, determined to be a 14-year-old boy from Teaneck, who had suffered a deep laceration to his face and a stab wound to his buttocks. The juvenile victim was transported by the Teaneck Volunteer Ambulance Corps to Hackensack University Medical Center for emergency treatment of non-life threatening injuries sustained during the attack. An initial investigation revealed the incident occurred a short distance away, on the sidewalk of Garrison Avenue, between Cedar Lane and Beverly Road. Witnesses provided a description of the suspect, reported to be a male who was dressed in dark clothing and wearing a Halloween clown mask. Officers relayed details of the incident and a description of the suspect to surrounding agencies. A short time later, Sergeant Geoffrey Cole and Officer Luis Duenas of the Bogota Police Department stopped an individual matching the description of the suspect near the intersection of Linden Avenue and West Grove Street in Bogota. That individual, identified as a 16-year-old



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boy from Teaneck, was determined to be the actor and was taken into protective custody. A search of the juvenile actor revealed he was in possession of a utility knife, which was partially covered in blood. The juvenile actor was transported to police headquarters. Bergen County Sheriff's Department Bureau of Criminal Identification Detectives responded to Garrison Avenue to process and photograph the scene. At this time, it is not known what, if any, motive there was for the assault. Based upon a preliminary investigation, it does not appear the assault was precipitated by any type of confrontation or problem between the involved persons.

As a result of the investigation, the juvenile actor was charged on a Juvenile Delinquency complaint with the following offenses;

Aggravated Assault	2 nd Degree Crime
Aggravated Assault with a deadly weapon	3 rd Degree Crime
Possession of a Weapon for Unlawful Purpose	3 rd Degree Crime

The juvenile actor was subsequently transported to the Bergen County Juvenile Detention Center. Chief McGurr states that the charges are merely accusations and all defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. Chief McGurr would like thank the Bogota Police Department, under the direction of Chief Daniel Maye, and the Bergen County Sheriff's Department, under the direction of Sheriff Anthony Cureton, for their assistance in the aforementioned incident.

Anyone with information about this or other investigations is urged to contact the Teaneck Police Department at 201-837-2600, or Crime Stoppers. Tips can be made anonymously on the group's website at www.bergencrimestoppers.org or by calling 844-466-6789, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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