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## **PRESS RELEASE**

Lackawanna County District Attorney, Andrew Jarbola announced today the transfer of Bashawn Rabb to adult court. The 16 yr. old is charged with the Criminal Attempt at Rape F1, which took place on March 7, 2009, at 1301 Linden Street in the City of Scranton. He is also charged with Aggravated Assault F1, Simple Assault M2, Terroristic Threats M1, Unlawful Restraint M1, Escape F3, False Identification to Law Enforcement Authorities M3, False Reports to Law Enforcement Authorities M2, and Possession of Marijuana an unclassified misdemeanor, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia an unclassified misdemeanor, Loitering and Prowling at Night M3, and Harassment, Summary, all in connection with the March 7, 2009 incident.

The second criminal action involved a robbery that occurred on January 24, 2009, at 147 South Hyde Park Avenue, Scranton. The allegations associated with that incident are: Robbery F3, Theft by Unlawful Taking M1, Receiving Stolen Property M1, Simple Assault M2.

The third criminal action included charges of Robbery F3, Theft M1, Receiving Stolen Property M1, and Simple Assault M2, stemming from an incident on March 5, 2009 at 219 North Hyde Park Avenue, in the City's West Side.

The Honorable Thomas J. Munley presided over the transfer hearing where the defendant was found not amenable to treatment as a juvenile and was remanded the Lackawanna County Prison, in lieu of \$250,000.00 straight bail.

District Attorney Jarbola commended the efforts of the entire investigative and prosecution team involved in Mr. Rabb's case. The investigating officers were Officer Jill Foley, Officer Melissa Forsette, Officer Kyle Kemp and Detective Jamie Barrett. The case was prosecuted in the Juvenile Division by Assistant District Attorney Robert Klein.

District Attorney Jarbola stated: "the diligence and tenacity of the officers involved coupled with their continued role in the transfer process played a significant role in assuring Mr. Rabb will be prosecuted as an adult".