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**PRESS RELEASE**

**CHARGED:**

**Brian I. Virola**  
**1694 Madison Ave**  
**New York, NY 10029**  
**DOB: 06/18/1991**

On February 7, 2024, after a five-month investigation the New Jersey State Police, in conjunction with the Warren County Prosecutor's Office, arrested Brian I. Virola, 32, of New York, NY and charged him with various offenses related to the distribution of Methamphetamine. During the course of the investigation, Virola sold approximately eight-hundred eighty-two (882) methamphetamine pills to persons working with the investigation. During a search of Virola at the time of his arrest, law enforcement also discovered a handgun loaded with hollow-point rounds in an extended magazine. The street value of the pills seized is approximately \$8,000.

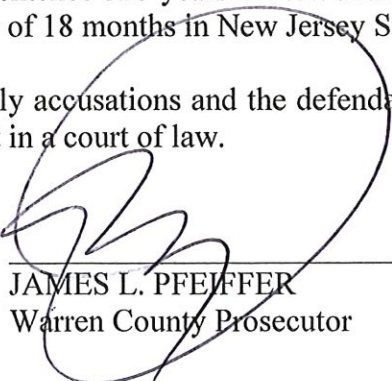
Mr. Virola was charged with the following offenses:

- One Count Possession with Intent to Distribute over one-half ounce of Methamphetamine, Second Degree, 2C:35-5(b)
- Two Counts Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance, Third Degree, 2C:35-10(a)1
- One Count Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, Second Degree, 2C:39-5(b)1
- One Count Possession of an Extended Magazine, Fourth Degree, 2C:39-3(j)
- One Count Possession of Hollow Point Ammunition, Fourth Degree, 2C:39-3(f)
- One Count Possession of a Firearm During the Course of Committing a CDS Offense, Second Degree, 2C:39-4.1

Second Degree offenses carry a maximum potential sentence of 10 years in New Jersey State Prison. Third Degree offenses carry a maximum potential sentence of 5 years in New Jersey State Prison. Fourth Degree offenses carry a maximum potential penalty of 18 months in New Jersey State Prison.

Please be advised that the charges are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

Approved by:

  
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Warren County Prosecutor

Date: February 9, 2024