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## PRESS RELEASE

**Arrested:**                    **Clinton Ontweka**  
                                      **35 Mallard Dr.**  
                                      **Hackettstown NJ, 07840**  
                                      **01/05/1984**

On 08/09/2022 Independence Township police stopped a red Toyota Tacoma on County Road 517 in Allamuchy Township after the vehicle failed to stop at a stop sign, nearly striking the officer. Once contact was made with the driver, Clinton Ontweka, of Hackettstown, it was determined that a series of field sobriety tests be administered.

After testing it was determined that Clinton was under the influence and was to be placed under arrest. Clinton resisted arrest and fled on foot into a nearby corn field. Officers from multiple jurisdictions, including the New Jersey State Police Aviation Unit, assisted in the search for Clinton. Clinton fled the scene on foot and was eventually located at his home. Clinton failed to exit his house once police made contact with him.

Clinton turned himself in on 08/15/2022 at police headquarters. He was transported to Warren County Correctional Center where he would await a detention hearing.

Clinton was charged with the following offenses and held pending a detention hearing:

- Count I:** Resisting Arrest 2C:29-2(A)2 4<sup>th</sup> degree,
- Count II:** Hindering Apprehension, 2C:29-3B, Disorderly Persons Offense,
- Count III:** Disorderly Conduct, 2C:33-2A, Petty Disorderly Persons Offense, and numerous motor vehicle violations.

Fourth degree crimes carry a maximum potential penalty of eighteen months in New Jersey State Prison, Disorderly Persons offenses carry a maximum potential penalty of 180 days in County Jail, Petty Disorderly Persons Offenses carry a maximum potential sentence of 90 days in County Jail.

Please be advised that the charges are merely accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JP', enclosed within a large, loopy circular flourish.

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Dated: September 13, 2022