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PRESS RELEASE

CHARGED: **Eric J. Marrero**
 101 Roosevelt Avenue
 Carteret, N.J. 07008
 DOB: 07/06/1990

On September 26, 2023 at approximately 0211 hours, the Lopatcong Township Police were dispatched to Acasia Thai Restaurant located at 755 Memorial Parkway in Lopatcong. The owner of the restaurant called 9-1-1 when he observed a male party on his surveillance cameras stealing cooking oil from the rear of the building.

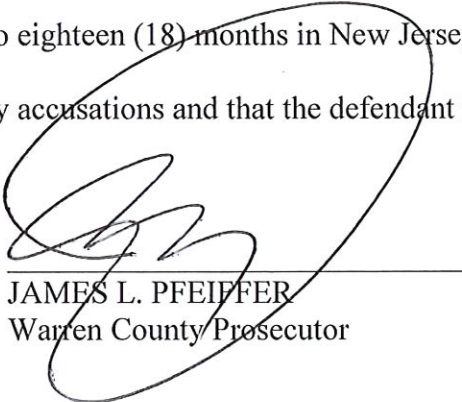
Lopatcong Township officers arrived a short time later and confronted the male. The male was identified as Eric J. Marrero of the one hundred block of Roosevelt Avenue in Carteret, N.J. Marrero had a Penske van backed up close to the building. Inside of the van he had a generator with two long hoses, as well as two large plastic tanks. Marrero had been preparing to pump the cooking oil out of the store's metal container into his plastic containers.

Marrero was taken into custody and transported to Lopatcong Township Headquarters. Marrero was charged with Fourth Degree Criminal Attempt to Commit Theft and Fourth Degree Possession of Burglary Tools. Marrero was lodged in Warren County Jail while he awaits a Warren County Superior Court first appearance.

Fourth degree crimes are punishable by up to eighteen (18) months in New Jersey State Prison.

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

Approved by:



JAMES L. PFEIFFER
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Date: October 6, 2023