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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Charged: Hassan Shabazz**  
**25 Cedar Alley**  
**Phillipsburg, New Jersey**  
**DOB: 03/02/1965**

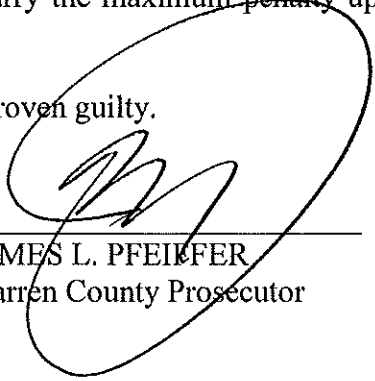
On Monday, January 23, 2023 at approximately 5:45P.M., Phillipsburg Police Department was dispatched to 421 South Main Street for a report of an armed robbery. During the course of the investigation Phillipsburg Police Department along with members of the Criminal Investigation Unit (C.I.D.) were able to locate and apprehend the suspect responsible for the incident.

The suspect was identified as Hassan Shabazz and was in possession of a knife believed to be the same knife used in the course of the robbery.

Hassan Shabazz was charged with the following and is being held in the Warren County Jail pending his next court appearance.

1. One (1) count of N.J.S.A. 2C:15-1a(2); Armed Robbery. A first degree crime. First degree crimes carry a maximum penalty up to twenty (20) years in New Jersey State Prison.
2. One (1) count of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-4d; Possession of a Weapon for Unlawful Purpose. A third degree crime. Third degree crimes carry a maximum penalty up to five (5) years in New Jersey State Prison.
3. One (1) count of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5d; Unlawful Possession of a Weapon. A fourth degree crime. Fourth degree crimes carry a maximum penalty of up to eighteen (18) months in New Jersey State Prison.
4. One (1) count of N.J.S.A. 2C:20-3a; Theft by Unlawful Taking or Disposition. A disorderly persons offense. Disorderly persons offense carry the maximum penalty up to six (6) months in New Jersey County Jail.

The Defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

  
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Date: 01/24/2023