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PRESS RELEASE

CHARGED: Shawn Hopper
257 Depue Street
Belvidere, New Jersey
DOB: January 3, 1972

Jeffrey Denny
20 Leigh Street
Clinton, New Jersey
DOB: April 16, 1986

Aysha Aguilu
257 Depue Street
Belvidere, New Jersey
DOB: June 10, 1990

Erica Butters
17 North Star Drive
Morristown, New Jersey
DOB: April 5, 1976

Following a four-week investigation into the distribution of methamphetamine in the Town of Belvidere conducted by the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Narcotics Task Force, The New Jersey State Police Strategic Investigations Unit, Belvidere Police Department, Phillipsburg Police Department and the Warren County Tactical Response Team a search warrant was executed at the residence of Shawn Hopper and Aysha Aguilu located at 257 Depue Street Belvidere, NJ. As a result of the investigation and search of the residence; methamphetamine, Xanax, Buprenorphine, Cocaine and Mushrooms were recovered.

Shawn Hopper was charged with the following and held pending a detention hearing:

- (1) One count of 2C:35-5B(9)(A) Possession with the intent to distribute methamphetamine. A second degree crime. Second degree crimes carry a maximum penalty of up to ten (10) years New Jersey State Prison.
- (2) Two counts of 2C:35-5B(9)(B) Distributing methamphetamine. A third degree crime. Third degree crimes carry a maximum penalty of up to five (5) years New Jersey State Prison.
- (3) Six counts of 2C:35-10A(1) Unlawful possession of CDS. A third degree crime. Third degree crimes carry a maximum penalty of up to five (5) years New Jersey State Prison.

Aysha Aguilu was charged with the following and held pending a detention hearing:

- (1) One count of 2C:35-5B(9)(A) Possession with the intent to distribute methamphetamine. A second degree crime. Second degree crimes carry a maximum penalty of up to ten (10) years New Jersey State Prison.
- (2) One count of 2C:35-5B(9)(B) Distributing methamphetamine. A third degree crime. Third degree crimes carry a maximum penalty of up to five (5) years New Jersey State Prison.
- (3) Three counts of 2C:35-10A(1) Unlawful possession of CDS. A third degree crime. Third degree crimes carry a maximum penalty of up to five (5) years New Jersey State Prison.

Jeffrey Denny was charged on a summons complaint with the following and given a court date:


- (1) One count of 2C:29-3A(7) Hindering Apprehension. A disorderly persons offense. Disorderly persons offenses carry a maximum penalty of up to 180 days in the Warren County Correctional Facility.
- (2) Three counts of 2C:35-10A(1) Unlawful possession of CDS. A third degree crime. Third degree crimes carry a maximum penalty of up to five (5) years New Jersey State Prison.

Erica Butters was charged on a summons complaint with the following and given a court date:

- (1) Two counts of 2C:35-10A(1) Unlawful possession of CDS. A third degree crime. Third degree crimes carry a maximum penalty of up to five (5) years New Jersey State Prison.

The defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Approved by:



JAMES L. PFENNER
Warren County Prosecutor

Date: November 7, 2022