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CHARGED:

Jason D. Fretz
102 Sitgreaves Street
Phillipsburg, New Jersey
DOB: December 8, 1968

In late December of 2022, law enforcement received information and a photograph from a concerned individual showing what appeared to be an individual identified as Jason Fretz in possession of multiple firearms. Upon further investigation, it was uncovered that Mr. Fretz was the subject of a final restraining order and thus, prohibited from possessing any type of weapon, including a firearm. Shortly after, Phillipsburg Police Department obtained a search warrant to inspect the suspect's residence and vehicle. Inside his residence, law enforcement located a hand grenade, dynamite, four (4) air powered guns, switchblade knife, and another large bladed knife. Inside his vehicle, law enforcement located a machete.

Jason Fretz was charged with the following and held pending a detention hearing:

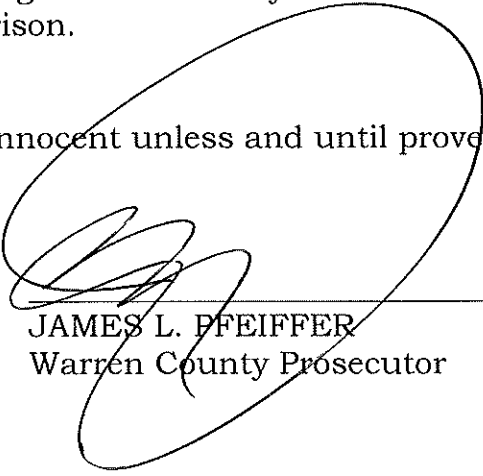
1. Two (2) counts of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-3a; Possession of a Prohibited Weapon. A third degree crime. Third degree crimes carry a maximum penalty of up to five (5) years New Jersey State Prison.
2. Three (3) counts of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5d; Unlawful Possession of a Weapon. A fourth degree crime. Fourth degree crimes carry a maximum penalty of up to eighteen (18) months New Jersey State Prison.
3. One (1) count of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5b(2); Unlawful Possession of a Weapon. A third degree crime. Third degree crimes carry a maximum penalty of up to five (5) years New Jersey State Prison.
4. One (1) count of N.J.S.A. 2C:29-9b; Contempt of Court. A fourth degree crime. Fourth degree crimes carry a maximum penalty of up to eighteen (18) months New Jersey State Prison.

5. One (1) count of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-7b(3); Certain Persons not to Possess a Weapon. A third degree crime. Third degree crimes carry a maximum penalty of up to five (5) years New Jersey State Prison.

The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Approved by:

Date: January 4, 2023



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