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INDICTED:

Jefferson A. Chimbo-Pelaez
208 Fifth Avenue
Hackettstown, NJ 07840
DOB: 11/09/1997

On January 8th, 2023, Jefferson Chimbo-Pelaez was charged with the death of Jeanne Murphy (nee: Picariello) after an investigation revealed that Mr. Chimbo-Pelaez had struck Mrs. Murphy with his car, the injuries from which ultimately proved fatal. The investigation also discovered that Mr. Chimbo-Pelaez was intoxicated at the time and did not stop to render aid or summon assistance.

On March 28, 2023, a Warren County Grand Jury indicted Chimbo-Pelaez with the following crimes and he remains held at the Warren County Correctional Facility pending the disposition of the matter:

- Count I: Aggravated Manslaughter, First Degree, 2C:11-4(a)1
- Count II: Death by Auto, First Degree, 2C:11-5
- Count III: Leaving the Scene of an Accident Resulting in Death, Second Degree, 2C:11-5.1
- Count IV: Strict Liability Vehicular Homicide, Third Degree, 2C:11-5.3
- Count V: Endangering an Injured Victim, Third Degree, 2C:12-1.2

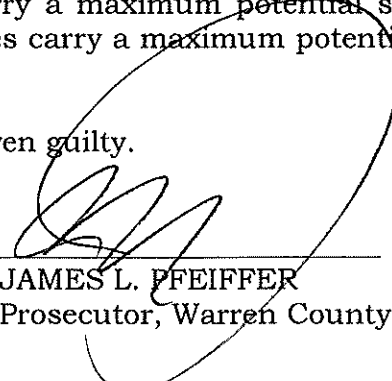
Chimbo-Pelaez was also charged with a number of motor vehicle offenses including Driving While Intoxicated, 39:4-50, Reckless Driving, 39:4-96, Careless Driving, 39:4-97, Leaving the Scene of an Accident, 39:4-129, Failure to Report, 39:4-130, and for being an unlicensed driver under 39:3-10.

Aggravated Manslaughter carries a maximum potential sentence of 30 years in New Jersey State Prison, First Degree crimes carry a maximum potential sentence of 20 years in New Jersey State Prison, Second Degree crimes carry a maximum potential sentence of 10 years in New Jersey State Prison, Third Degree crimes carry a maximum potential sentence of 5 years in New Jersey State Prison.

The defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Dated: March 30, 2023

Approved by:



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