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**PRESS RELEASE**

**CHARGED:**

**JEFFREY S. CARTHENS**  
**92 SUMMIT AVE**  
**PHILLIPSBURG, NJ 08865**  
**DOB: NOVEMBER 19, 2004**

On April 13, 2023, the Phillipsburg Police Department, the Warren County Prosecutor's Office, and the New Jersey State Police executed a search warrant at 92 Summit Avenue. The execution of this warrant was a result of an ongoing investigation into the recent discharge of firearms in the Town of Phillipsburg. As a result of the search warrant, law enforcement recovered a 9 MM Pantos untraceable ghost gun and a high capacity magazine. Based on the evidence seized, an arrest warrant was issued for Jeffrey S. Carthens. Mr. Carthens was located and arrested in Newark, New Jersey with assistance from the United States Marshalls Service New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force on April 14, 2023.

Jeffrey Carthens is charged with:

1. Second Degree Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-4(a)(1), which carries with it a potential penalty between five to ten years in prison and a mandatory 42 month period of parole ineligibility;
2. Fourth Degree Possession of a Prohibited Weapon – High Capacity Magazine, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-3(j), which carries a potential penalty of up to eighteen months in New Jersey State Prison; and
3. Second Degree Possession of a Prohibited Weapon – Ghost Gun, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-3(n), which carries with it a potential penalty between five to ten years in prison.

Please note, all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Dated: April 14, 2023

Approved by:

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James L. Pfeiffer,  
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