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CHARGED:

Jeffrey S. Carthens
92 Summit Avenue
Phillipsburg, N.J. 08865
DOB: November 19, 2004

On April 10, 2023, a black Nissan Murano SUV was witnessed firing at least six rounds into a crowd in the area of Fisher and Kneedler Ave in Phillipsburg. The suspect vehicle was located at an address in Phillipsburg, N.J. It was determined that the vehicle was registered to Jeffrey S. Carthens and a search warrant was obtained to permit a search of the vehicle. As a result of the search, a plastic bag was recovered in the center console containing three hundred twenty-nine (329) blue pills of suspected Oxycodone.

Carthens was charged with the following offenses and held in the Warren County Jail pending a Detention Hearing:

1. One (1) count of Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance, Oxycodone, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10a(1), a third degree offense. A third degree offense carries a maximum of five (5) years in New Jersey State Prison.
2. One (1) count of Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Dangerous Substance, Oxycodone; in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5b(3), a third degree offense. A third degree offense carries a maximum of five (5) years in New Jersey State Prison.

Mr. Carthens had previously been charged with:

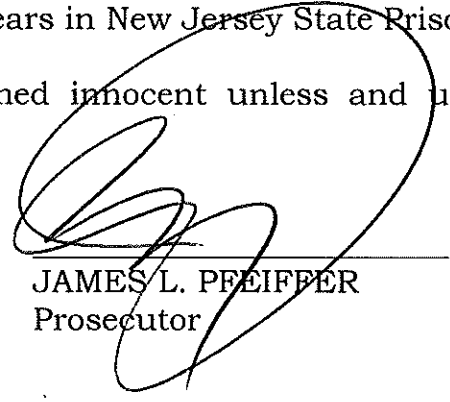
1. One (1) count of Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-4a(1), a second degree offense which carries with it a potential penalty between five (5) to ten (10) years in prison and a mandatory 42 month period of parole ineligibility.
2. One (1) count of Possession of a Prohibited Weapon – High Capacity Magazine, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-3(j), a fourth degree offense which carries a potential penalty of up to eighteen (18) months in New Jersey State Prison.

3. One (1) count of Possession of a Prohibited Weapon – Ghost Gun, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-3(n), a second degree offense which carries a potential penalty between five (5) and ten (10) years in New Jersey State Prison.

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

Approved by:

Date: April 21, 2023



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