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PRESS RELEASE

CHARGED:

John Berardi 11 School Street Washington, NJ 07882 DOB: 3/26/1964

On diverse dates, between January 1, 2023 and April 22, 2023 multiple businesses within Washington Township, Washington Boro (Warren County), Mount Olive Township (Morris County), and Glen Gardner Boro (Hunterdon County) were broken into and burglarized. The defendant utilized the same method to commit all burglaries by throwing a rock through either a glass door or plate glass window to gain entry.

On April 22, 2023, the Washington Twp. Police Department, with the assistance of New Jersey State Police and Mount Olive Township Police Department, arrested and charged John Berardi with multiple Burglary and Criminal Mischief offenses.

Mr. Berardi was charged with the following offenses and held in Warren County:

- 1- Six (6) counts Burglary, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:18-2a, a third degree offense which carries a maximum of five (5) years in New Jersey State Prison.
- 2- Six (6) counts Criminal Mischief, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:17-3a, a fourth degree offense which carriers a potential penalty of up to eighteen (18) months in New Jersey State Prison.
- 3- One (1) count Criminal Mischief, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:17-3a, a third degree offense which carries a maximum of five (5) years in New Jersey State Prison.
- 4- Two (2) counts Theft of Movable Property, in violation of N.J.S.A 2C:20-3a, a fourth degree offense which carriers a potential penalty of up to eighteen (18) months in New Jersey State Prison.

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

Approved by:

Date: April 27, 2023

JAMES L. PFEIFFER

Prosecutor