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## PRESS RELEASE

Warren County Prosecutor James L. Pfeiffer announces the guilty plea of John H. Holmes in connection with a physical and sexual assault that occurred on the evening of September 27, 2021, in Phillipsburg, New Jersey.

On July 11, 2023, John H. Holmes, age 40, with a last known address in Easton, Pennsylvania, entered a guilty plea to First Degree Aggravated Sexual Assault, Third Degree Terroristic Threats and Fourth Degree Unlawful Possession of a Weapon. The Honorable H. Matthew Curry, J.S.C. presided over the guilty plea. The State will recommend that Holmes be sentenced to ten (10) years in New Jersey State Prison subject to the eighty-five (85) percent parole ineligibility requirements of the No Early Release Act.

In pleading guilty, the defendant admitted to physically attacking the victim on the evening of September 27, 2021. During the assault, the defendant admitted to producing a knife and holding it to the victim as he made threats against her life and sexually assaulted her.

The Defendant continues to be lodged at the Warren County Correctional Center. Sentencing for the defendant has been scheduled for September 21, 2023, before the Honorable H. Matthew Curry, J.S.C.

Prosecutor James L. Pfeiffer would like to thank the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Special Victim's Unit, Phillipsburg Police Department, the New Jersey State Police – Fugitive Unit, US Marshals Service NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force, US Marshals Service Eastern District of Pennsylvania Violent Crimes Fugitive Task Force and the Easton Police Department Criminal Investigation Division, whose efforts contributed to this successful investigation and prosecution.

Approved by:

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