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CHARGED:

John J. Russell
480 Marshall Street
Phillipsburg, New Jersey
DOB: November 23, 1983

Following a three-week investigation into the distribution of heroin and crack cocaine in the Town of Phillipsburg conducted by the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Narcotics Task Force, Phillipsburg Police Department, and the New Jersey State Police a search warrant was executed at 480 Marshall Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey and on a 2022 Chevrolet. The search discovered methamphetamine, crack cocaine, heroin, drug paraphernalia along with a .38 caliber handgun loaded with hollow point bullets. The handgun (revolver) was loaded with three hollow point bullets and one bullet that was discharged.

John J. Russell was charged with the following and held pending a detention hearing:

- (1) Three (3) counts of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5B(3); Distributing Crack Cocaine. A third degree crime. Third degree crimes carry a maximum penalty of up to five (5) years New Jersey State Prison.
- (2) Three (3) counts of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5B(3); Possession with the Intent to Distribute Crack Cocaine and Heroin. A third degree crime. Third degree crimes carry a maximum penalty of up to five (5) years New Jersey State Prison.
- (3) One (1) count of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5B(1); Unlawful Possession of a Weapon. A second degree crime. Second degree crimes carry a maximum penalty of up to ten (10) years New Jersey State Prison.
- (4) One (1) count of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-7B(1); Certain Persons not to Possess a Weapon. A second degree crime. Second degree crimes carry a maximum penalty of up to ten (10) years New Jersey State Prison.

- (5) Two (2) counts of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10A(1); Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance. A third degree crime. Third degree crimes carry a maximum penalty of up to five (5) years New Jersey State Prison.
- (6) One (1) count of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-3F(1); Unlawful Possession of Hollow Point Bullets. A fourth degree crime. Fourth degree crimes carry a maximum penalty of up to eighteen (18) months New Jersey State Prison.
- (7) One (1) count of N.J.S.A. 2C:29-1A; Obstructing the Administration of Law. A disorderly persons offense. Disorderly persons offenses carry a maximum penalty of up to 180 days in the Warren County Correctional Facility.

The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Approved by:



JAMES L. PFEIFFER
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Date: December 22, 2022