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PRESS RELEASE

**CHARGED: KHAMTOUNE SINGTO
STEWARTSVILLE, NJ
DOB: 07/04/1976**

On Monday, November 6, 2023, Lopatcong Police Department was dispatched to a residence located in Stewartsville, N.J., in response to a domestic incident. An investigation revealed that Khamtoun Singto had pointed a loaded .22 Cal Mossberg 715T Long Rifle at the victim, threatening to shoot and kill the victim. The victim was able to flee the residence to safety and contacted 911. Upon Officers' arrival at the residence, Singto, without legal authority took the victim's vehicle, drove around Officers' patrol units, through the lawn and onto the main road. Lopatcong Police initiated a vehicle pursuit with lights and sirens activated. Officers pursued Singto onto Route 519 northbound where he reached a speed over 100 mph. At that time, and for safety reasons, the pursuit was terminated. Officers located the Rifle at the residence. The weapons magazine contained seventeen (17) .22 caliber hollow nose bullets, with a capacity to hold thirty (30) rounds of ammunition. Further investigation revealed that Singto is subject to a Court Order prohibiting him from owning and possessing any weapons, including firearms. Later that evening, Singto returned to his residence where Officers confronted him. Officers were successful in peacefully negotiating Singto to come out of the residence unarmed and into police custody. A search incident to arrest revealed Singto possessed a small glassine bag with a white crystallized powder suspected to be methamphetamine.

The defendant has been charged with the following:

- 1) Eluding Officer, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:29-2b, a second-degree offense. This offense carries a maximum of ten (10) years New Jersey State Prison, with a minimum of five (5) years.
- 2) Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-4a(1), a second degree offense. This offense carries a maximum of ten (10) years in the New Jersey State Prison, with a minimum of five (5) years. Pursuant to the Graves Act, this offense will carry a mandatory minimum sentence that the individual must serve before being eligible for parole.
- 3) Possession of Prohibited Weapons and Devices, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-3j, a fourth degree offense. This offense carries a maximum of eighteen (18) months in state prison.

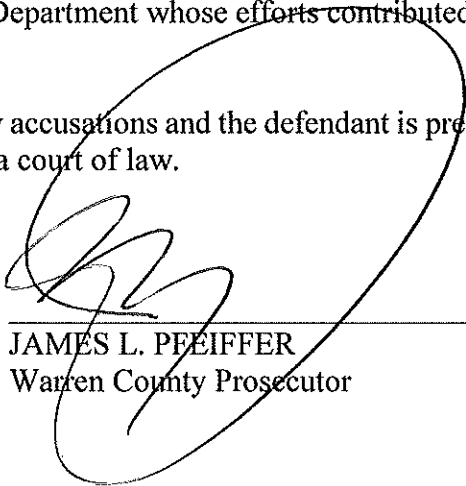
- 4) Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5c(2), a third degree offense. This offense carries a maximum of five (5) years in the New Jersey State Prison, with a minimum of three (3) years. Pursuant to the Graves Act, this offense will carry a mandatory minimum sentence that the individual must serve before being eligible for parole.
- 5) Certain Person Not to Have Weapons or Ammunition, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-7b(3), a third degree offense. This offense carries a maximum of five (5) years in the New Jersey State Prison, with a minimum of three (3) years.
- 6) Aggravated Assault, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:12-1b(4), a fourth degree offense. This offense carries a maximum of eighteen (18) months in state prison.
- 7) Terroristic Threats, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:12-3b, a third degree offense. This offense carries a maximum of five (5) years in the New Jersey State Prison, with a minimum of three (3) years.
- 8) Possession of Prohibited Weapons and Devices, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-3f(1), a fourth degree offense. This offense carries a maximum of eighteen (18) months in state prison.
- 9) Unlawful Taking of Means of Conveyance, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:20-10b, a fourth degree offense. This offense carries a maximum of eighteen (18) months in state prison.
- 10) Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10a(1), a third degree offense. This offense carries a maximum of five (5) years in the New Jersey State Prison, with a minimum of three (3) years.

Singto remains lodged in Warren County Jail pending his First Appearance in Warren County Superior Court.

I would like to thank the Lopatcong Police Department whose efforts contributed to this successful investigation and apprehension.

Please be advised that the charges are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

Approved by:



JAMES L. PEEIFFER
Warren County Prosecutor

Date: November 8, 2023