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PRESS RELEASE

CHARGED: Brian Kirchner
312 Stelko Avenue
Lopatcong, Township, New Jersey
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On November 04, 2021, following a five-week investigation into the distribution of Methamphetamine in the Town of Phillipsburg, a search warrant was executed on a 2016 Honda Civic, driven by Brian Kirchner in the area of Union Square in Phillipsburg, NJ resulting in a seizure of \$2,247 in US currency a 2016 Honda Civic, and a quarter pound of Methamphetamine, having an estimated street value between \$2,400 and \$3,600,.

The investigation was conducted by the Warren County Prosecutor's Office with the assistance of the Phillipsburg Police Department, Hackettstown Police Department, New Jersey State Police, Washington Township Police Department, Greenwich Township Police and the Lopatcong Township Police Department. As a result of the Warren County Narcotics Task force investigation, the members of the above listed agencies executed a search warrant at 312 Stelko Avenue in Lopatcong Township NJ. The search warrant to the discovery and seizure of over a pound of Methamphetamine as well as a pound of marijuana. One pound of methamphetamine is estimated street value of between \$10,000 and \$15,000. One pound of marijuana is estimated to have a street value between \$1,000 and \$3,500.

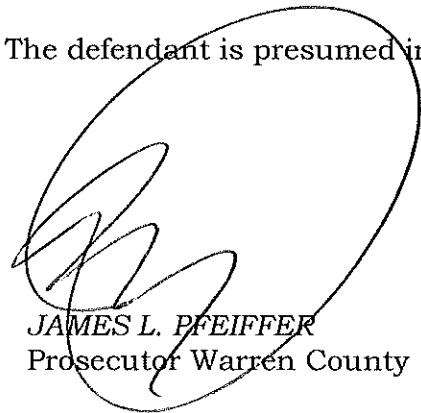
The total value of cash and narcotics seized is estimated to be between \$15,727 and \$24,427, in addition to the 2016 Honda Civic.

Brian Kirchner was charged with the following;

- 1) (1) One Count of Possession with the Intent to Distribute more than five ounces of CDS (methamphetamine), a first degree offense in violation of N.J.S.A 2c:35-5b(8). Each first-degree offense carries a maximum of 20 years in New Jersey State Prison.
- 2) (3) Three Counts of Possession with the Intent to Distribute more than a half ounce of CDS (methamphetamine), a second degree offense in violation of N.J.S.A. 2c:35-5b(9)9a); Each second-degree offense carries a maximum of 10 years in New Jersey State Prison.
- 3) (2) Two Counts of Possession with the Intent to Distribute more than a half ounce of CDS (methamphetamine), a second degree offense in violation of N.J.S.A. 2c:35-5b(9)(a); Each second-degree offense carries a maximum of 10 years in New Jersey State Prison.
- 4) (2) Two Counts of Possession with the Intent to Distribute CDS within 500 feet from a public park, a second degree offense in violation of N.J.S.A 2c:35-7.1a. Each second-degree offense carries a maximum of 10 years in New Jersey State Prison.

Kirchner was transported to the Warren County Correctional Facility. The defendant remains incarcerated pending a detention motion. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Dated: November 4, 2021



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