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ARRESTED & CHARGED

MARQUIS W. PIERCE PHILLIPSBURG, NEW JERSEY AGE: 35

On Saturday, June 21, 2025 at approximately 5:45 A.M., the Phillipsburg Police Department responded to the area of 7 Brainard Street for the report of a stabbing. Upon arrival, officers entered the residence where they immediately stopped the assault and took the suspect into custody. Officers initially identified two victims who sustained stab wounds, one of which sustained life-threatening injuries. Medical aid was rendered on scene and the victims were transported to the hospital. A third victim was later identified and transported to the hospital for medical care. The investigation revealed that all of the parties involved in this incident were known to each other. Additionally, it was discovered that Pierce had an active warrant for his arrest stemming from an incident in Easton, Pennsylvania.

Pierce was charged on a Complaint Warrant with the offenses below. He is currently lodged in the Warren County Correctional Center in Belvidere, New Jersey. The Court will hear the State's Motion for Pretrial Detention on Monday, June 30, 2025.

- 1. Attempted Homicide, in violation of <u>N.J.S.A</u>. 2C:5-1a(1) / 2C:11-3a(1), a crime of the first degree.
- 2. Aggravated Assault, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:12-1b(1), a crime of the second degree.
- 3. (2 counts) Aggravated Assault, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:12-1b(2), a crime of the third degree.
- 4. Unlawful Possession of Weapon, in violation of <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 2C:39-4d, a crime of the third degree crime.
- 5. Unlawful Possession of Weapon, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5d, a crime of the fourth.
- 6. Fugitive from Justice, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2A:160-10.

First degree crimes carry a maximum sentence of twenty (20) years, second degree crimes carry a maximum sentence of ten (10) years, third degree crimes a maximum sentence of five (5) years, and fourth degree crimes carry a maximum sentence of eighteen (18) months in New Jersey State Prison.

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The charges are merely accusations. The defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

This investigation was conducted by the Phillipsburg Police Department and the Warren County Prosecutor's Office. Assisting at the scene was the Warren County Regional Crime Scene Team.