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Indicted: **Frank McVey**
 489 Corliss Avenue
 Phillipsburg, N.J. 08865
 DOB: 10/26/1964

As part of a broader investigation into public corruption in Phillipsburg, the Warren County Prosecutor's Office received information that Frank McVey, then-Council Vice President for the Town of Phillipsburg, had threatened the Mayor, Todd Tersigni. The purpose of the threat was to blackmail the mayor so that the Mayor would be unable to carry out his elected duties without first getting McVey's approval. Further to ensure McVey's unlawful control over the Mayor, if Tersigni reported McVey's threats to the Town Attorney seeking help and intervention McVey would carry out the threatened action. The threat was sufficiently serious to warrant further investigation and ultimate presentation to the Grand Jury for their consideration which resulted in McVey's indictment.


On October 20, 2021, this information was presented to a Warren County Grand Jury which indicted Mr. McVey on the following charges:

Count I: Official Misconduct, Second Degree, N.J.S. 2C:30-2(a)

Count II: Criminal Coercion, Fourth Degree, N.J.S. 2C:13-5(a)(7)

Second Degree charges carry a maximum penalty of ten (10) years in New Jersey State Prison, Fourth Degree offenses carry a maximum penalty of eighteen (18) months in New Jersey State Prison.

The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until he is proven guilty.



Anthony J. Robinson
First Assistant Prosecutor, Warren County

Dated: November 5, 2021