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County of Warren

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**PRESS RELEASE**

**CHARGED:**

**Peter Minchella, Jr.**  
**373 Lincoln Street, Apt A**  
**Phillipsburg, New Jersey 08865**  
**DOB: June 20, 1989**

On March 14, 2019, the Phillipsburg Police Department, the Washington Township Police Department, the New Jersey State Police, the Warren County Sheriff's Department, and the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Narcotics Unit executed a narcotics search warrant in Phillipsburg, New Jersey. As a result of execution of the search warrant, Methamphetamine, Heroin, Ecstasy and Marijuana were seized. Peter Minchella, Jr. was charged as follows:

1. One (1) count of possession of Heroin, a third degree offense in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10a(1); and
2. One (1) count of possession of Ecstasy, a third degree offense in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10a(1); and
3. Two (2) counts of possession of Methamphetamine, a third degree offense in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10a(1); and
4. One (1) count of distribution of less than one-half ounce of Methamphetamine, a third degree offense in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5b(9)(b); and
5. One (1) count of possession with the intent to distribute less than one-half ounce of Methamphetamine, a third degree offense in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5b(9)(b); and
6. One (1) count of possession with the intent to distribute more than one-half ounce of Methamphetamine, a second degree offense in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5b(9)(a); and
10. Two (2) counts of possession with the intent to distribute Methamphetamine within 500 feet of a public park, a second degree offense in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-7.1a.

The charges were the result of a three (3) week investigation conducted by the Phillipsburg Police Department, the Washington Township Police Department, the New Jersey State Police, the Warren County Sheriff's Department, and the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Narcotics Unit into the distribution of Methamphetamine within the town of Phillipsburg. Prosecutor Burke said "While arresting those who violate the law will not, in and of itself, eradicate the drug problem, we must hold accountable anyone who places the citizens of Warren County in danger by selling illicit drugs. I would like to thank Phillipsburg,

Washington Township, New Jersey State Police and the Warren County Sheriff's Department for their assistance. This operation and others like it would not be possible without the cooperation of many law enforcement agencies."

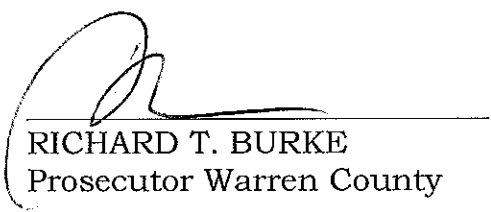
Each second degree offense carries a maximum term of imprisonment of ten years and/or a fine of \$150,000.

Each third degree offense carries a maximum term of imprisonment of five years and/or a fine of \$35,000 for possession and \$75,000 for distribution or possession with the intent to distribute a controlled dangerous substance.

Peter Minchella, Jr. is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Approved by:

Date: March 14, 2019



RICHARD T. BURKE  
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