WARREN COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

JESSICA L. CARDONE
ACTING PROSECUTOR

BRENTON S. WARNE
ACTING CHIEF OF DETECTIVES

413 Second Street, Belvidere New Jersey 07823
Phone: (908)475-6275 Fax: (908)475-6344
www.wcpo-nj.us

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 28, 2025

SHOOTING INCIDENT: SITGREAVES STREET / SPRUCE ALLEY
PHILLIPSBURG, NEW JERSEY

The Phillipsburg Police Department is seeking the public's assistance in identifying the individuals involved in the above shooting incident.

On Friday, March 28, 2025, at approximately 5:45 A.M., members of the Phillipsburg Police Department responded to the area of Spruce Alley after receiving an alert from Phillipsburg's ShotSpotter. Upon patrols arrival, multiple bullet casings were discovered in Spruce Alley and multiple bullet holes were found on the exterior of a residence. Officers on scene determined that no one had been injured. During the course of the investigation, officers discovered that Akil Gilbert, present inside the residence, illegally possessed a 9mm Hi-Point handgun and high capacity magazine. Gilbert of Easton, Pennsylvania was subsequently arrested by the Phillipsburg Police Department, processed, and lodged in the Warren County Correctional Center. At this time there is no evidence to suggest that the firearm possessed by Akil Gilbert was involved in this shooting.

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

The Phillipsburg Police Department is conducting the investigation and being assisted by the Warren County Prosecutor's Office, Warren County Regional Crime Scene Unit, and the New Jersey State Police. Anyone with additional information is encouraged to contact Detective Cupon of the Phillipsburg Police Department (908)835-2002.