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PRESS RELEASE

CHARGED: Chelsea M. Pruden
638 Maxim Drive, Andover, NJ
DOB: June 23, 1993

On November 19, 2021, following a month-long investigation into the distribution of heroin in Hackettstown, an arrest warrant was issued for Chelsea M. Pruden, 28, of Andover, NJ for heroin distribution charges. The investigation was conducted by the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Narcotics Task Force, Hackettstown Police Department, Mansfield Township Police Department, Washington Township Police Department (Warren County), and the New Jersey State Police. Pruden was arrested on November 29, 2021, in Newark, by the Essex County Sheriff's Office.

Pruden was charged with the following offenses and lodged in the Warren County Correctional Center pending a future court hearing:

1. Two (2) counts of distribution of heroin in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5B(3), a third degree offense. Each offense carries a maximum of (5) five years in New Jersey State Prison and up to a \$35,000.00 fine.
2. Two (2) counts of possession with intent to distribute heroin in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5B(3), a third degree offense. Each offense carries a maximum of (5) five years in New Jersey State Prison and up to a \$35,000.00 fine.
3. Two (2) counts of distribution of heroin within 500 Feet of a public park in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-7.1A, a second degree offense. This offense carries a maximum of ten (10) years in the New Jersey State Prison, with a minimum term of (5) five years during which the defendant shall be ineligible for parole and up to a \$150,000.00 fine.
4. Two (2) counts of distribution of heroin within 1,000 feet of school property in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-7A, a third degree offense. Each offense carries a maximum of (5) five years in New Jersey State Prison and up to a \$35,000.00 fine.

Please be advised that the charges are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

Approved by:
Dated: November 30, 2021



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