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PRESS RELEASE

CHARGED: QASIM T. WOODS
PHILLIPSBURG, NJ
DOB: JULY 9, 1981

On May 18, 2023, a victim reported being sexually assaulted at gunpoint by Qasim Woods. During the assault, the victim reported Woods made threats to kill the victim. During the course of the investigation, Woods was located with a silver revolver believed to have been utilized during the sexual assault. Law enforcement determined that the firearm was reported stolen out of Pennsylvania.

Qasim Woods was charged on May 19, 2023 with the following:

- 1) Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5b(1), a second degree offense. This offense carries a maximum of ten (10) years in the New Jersey State Prison, with a minimum of five (5) years.
- 2) Tampering with Physical Evidence, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:28-6(1), a fourth degree offense. This offense carries a maximum of eighteen (18) months in the New Jersey State Prison.

Based on further investigation, Qasim Woods was charged on May 25, 2023 with the following:


- 1) Aggravated Sexual Assault, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2a(4), a first degree offense. This offense carries a maximum of twenty (20) years in the New Jersey State Prison, with a minimum of ten (10) years. This offense is subject to the No Early Release Act.
- 2) Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-4a(1), a second degree offense. This offense carries a maximum of ten (10) years in the New Jersey State Prison, with a minimum of five (5) years.
- 3) Terroristic Threats, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:12-3b, a third degree offense. This offense carries a maximum of five (5) years in the New Jersey State Prison, with a minimum of three (3) years.
- 4) Receiving Stolen Property, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:20-7a, a third degree offense. This offense carries a maximum of five (5) years in the New Jersey State Prison, with a minimum of three (3) years.

The Defendant is presently lodged at Warren County Jail pending his First Appearance in Warren County Superior Court.

Prosecutor James L. Pfeiffer would like to thank the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Special Victim's Unit, the Phillipsburg Police Department, and the Warren County Tactical Response Team, whose efforts contributed to this successful investigation and apprehension.

Please be advised that the charges are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

Approved by:



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Date: May 30, 2023