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**PRESS RELEASE**

**CHARGED:                    THOMAS C. TUCKER**  
**947 HILL ST.**  
**PHILLIPSBURG, NJ**  
**DOB: 7/20/60**

On July 23, 2019, New Jersey State Police Hazardous Materials Response Unit, the Warren County Hazardous Materials Unit, the Warren County Tactical Response Team, the Phillipsburg Police Department, the New Jersey State Police, the Warren County Sheriff's Department, the Pohatcong Police Department, the Washington Township Police 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, marijuana, and five firearms were seized. Two of the firearms were previously reported stolen. The defendant was charged as follows:

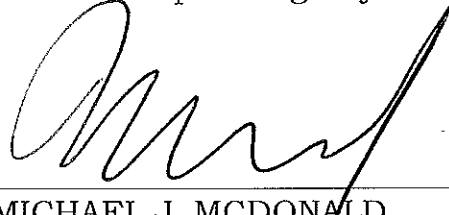
1. One count of violating *NJSA 2C:35-7(a)*, Distribution of Controlled Dangerous Substance in a School Zone, Second Degree, (Methamphetamine)
2. Three counts of violating *NJSA 2C:35-10(a)*, Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance, Third Degree (Methamphetamine)
3. Two counts of violating *NJSA 2C:35-5(b)(9)*, Possession with Intent To Distribute Controlled Dangerous Substance (Methamphetamine)
4. Two counts of violating *NJSA 2C:35-5(b)(9)*, Distribution of Controlled Dangerous Substance, Third Degree (Methamphetamine)
5. One Count of violating *NJSA 2C:35-10(a)(3)*, Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance, Third Degree (THC Oils)
6. One Count of violating *NJSA 2C:35-10(a)(4)*, Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substances (Marijuana), Disorderly Person Offense

The charges were the result of a two month investigation conducted by the Phillipsburg Police Department and the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Narcotics Task Force into the distribution of Methamphetamine within the town of Phillipsburg.

First Degree offenses carry a maximum penalty of twenty (20) years New Jersey State Prison. Second Degree offenses carry a maximum of ten (10) years New Jersey State Prison. Third Degree offenses carry a maximum of five years New Jersey State Prison and Fourth Degree offenses carry a maximum of eighteen (18) months New Jersey State Prison.

The Defendant was lodged at the Warren County Correctional Center and released under supervision of Pre-Trial Services. The investigation remains active.

The Defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. McDonald', written over a horizontal line.

MICHAEL J. MCDONALD  
First Assistant Prosecutor  
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Dated: July 26, 2019