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PRESS RELEASE

On Thursday, March 07, 2024, after a several month long investigation the Hackettstown Police Department in coordination with the Warren County Prosecutor's Office, New Jersey State Police, and the New Jersey Division of Taxation executed two search warrants on "Bud Bus Inc". Search warrants were executed on a Bud Bus Inc. trailer which was parked in the parking lot of 903 High Street, Hackettstown, New Jersey and on a Bud Bus Inc. van which was parked at 1077 State Highway 94 in Frelinghuysen Township, New Jersey. The search warrants resulted in the seizure of approximately \$1,900 in U.S. currency, suspected raw marijuana, and suspected cannabinoid infused products in various forms. Additionally, a 2018 Ram Promaster van and 2024 Loom trailer were seized as part of this investigation.

The below listed individual was charged with two counts of each offense as a result of the investigation.

**WILLIAM F. SCHLETTE
WEST NYACK, NEW YORK
AGE: 46**

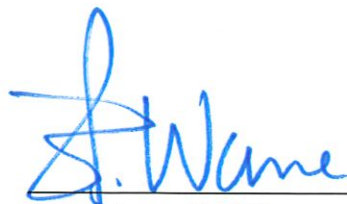
- 1) Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance with the intent to distribute, specifically marijuana, in a quantity of more than 1 ounce but less than 5 pounds, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5b(11)(b), a crime of the third degree.

- 2) Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance, specifically marijuana, in a quantity of more than 6 ounces, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10a(3)(b), a crime of the fourth degree.
- 3) Money Laundering, unlawfully, knowingly, and willingly possess property known or which a reasonable person would believe to be derived from criminal activity, specifically \$1,900 in US Currency, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:21-25a, a crime of the third degree.
- 4) Misconduct by Corporate Official, purposely or knowingly uses, controls or operates a corporation for the furtherance or promotion of any criminal object, specifically by operating the Bud Bus Inc. to make illegal sales of marijuana in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:21-9c, a crime of the third degree.
- 5) Deceptive Business Practices, knowingly and willingly make false and misleading statements in an advertisement addressed to the public, specifically by advertising the Bud Bus trailer as a "dispensary" with signs located on the premises as well as listing it as "100% legal business" on their website and Facebook page in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:21-7e, a disorderly persons offense.

Third degree offenses carry a maximum sentence of five (5) years in the New Jersey State Prison and fourth degree offenses carry a maximum sentence of 18 months in the New Jersey State Prison. Disorderly Persons Offenses carry a maximum sentence of six (6) months in the Warren County Correctional Center.

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

The Warren County Prosecutor's Office would like to recognize the following agencies that participated in this investigation; the Hackettstown Police Department, the New Jersey State Police, and the New Jersey Division of Taxation.



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