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PRESS RELEASE

CHARGED: Krista Winters
363 Buckhorn Dr.
Belvidere, New Jersey
DOB: July 15, 1986

Michael Kearney
4 Rutherford Place Apt. B1
N. Arlington, New Jersey
DOB: December 19, 1983

Following an eight-week investigation involving the distribution of unregulated marijuana in the Town of Phillipsburg conducted by the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Narcotics Task Force, Phillipsburg Police Department and the New Jersey State Police, a search warrant was executed on a 2003 Pontiac Montana mini-van driven by Michael Kearney and a 2008 Hyundai Elantra driven by Krista Winters. Police had been alerted to the activity after Kearney and Winters were spotted selling unregulated marijuana in front of a Phillipsburg dispensary.

As a result of the search, approximately seven (7) ounces of marijuana was seized, along with the above-described vehicles and \$540.00 in U.S. currency.

Michael Kearney and Krista Winters were charged with the following and released pending a future court date:

- (1) One count of 2C:35-5B(11)(b) distribution of over one ounce of marijuana. A third degree crime. Third degree crimes carry a maximum penalty of up to five (5) years New Jersey State Prison.

- (2) One count of 2C:5-2A(1)/2C:35-5B(11)(b) conspiracy to distribute over one ounce of marijuana. A third degree crime. Third degree crimes carry a maximum penalty of up to five (5) years New Jersey State Prison.

The defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

/s/James L. Pfeiffer

Approved by:

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