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PRESS RELEASE

STATE IN THE INTEREST OF HECTOR CARDONA

Hector Cardona
DOB: 5/7/1990
Age: 17
Address: Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania

On December 12, 2007, the Honorable John J. Coyle, Jr., sentenced a juvenile, Hector Cardona, 17, to one (1) year probation on one (1) count of Theft a third degree offense. As conditions of probation, the judge ordered the following:

- (1) 60 days incarceration in Warren Acres; all 60 days to be suspended,
- (2) Pay a \$30.00 Violent Crimes Compensation Board Penalty,
- (3) Pay a \$15.00 Law Enforcement Officers Training and Education Fund penalty,
- (4) Pay restitution for property stolen,
- (5) No contact with adult co-defendants,
- (6) Provide a DNA sample, and
- (7) Undergo fingerprinting.

Cardona pled guilty to one (1) count of Theft, a third degree offense. The charge resulted from investigations by the Phillipsburg and Easton Police Departments which revealed that on May 24, 2007, the juvenile's two adult co-defendants unlawfully entered a privately owned garage in Phillipsburg and removed more than \$5,000.00 worth of vehicle parts and electronic equipment. The juvenile transported the adults and the stolen parts to his residence in

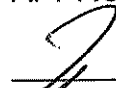
Easton, Pa. The parts were later discovered at the juvenile's residence by the Easton Police Department.

The matter was handled by Neil Gillespie, Esq., on behalf of the juvenile and Dit Mosco, Assistant Prosecutor, on behalf of the State.

This third degree offense carries a potential maximum sentence of two (2) years incarceration in the custody of the Juvenile Justice Commission.

This information is provided pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:4A-60f.

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