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PRESS RELEASE

ARRESTED: **James A. Baker**
60 Bryan Road
Washington, New Jersey 07882
Date of Birth: October 21, 1988
Unemployed

James Baker was arrested Monday, June 18, 2008 in Washington, New Jersey, as the result of an undercover operation by the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Narcotics Task Force (WCPO/NTF). The WCPO/NTF had obtained arrest warrants and a search warrant for James Baker and the home where he resided. The charges and search warrant were the culmination of an undercover investigation into the alleged distribution of marijuana by Mr. Baker from his home and other locations between April 30, 2008 and the date of his arrest.

As a result of the investigation and execution of the search warrant, Mr. Baker was charged with three (3) counts of Distribution of a Controlled Dangerous Substance, marijuana, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5a(1) and N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5b(12), crimes of the Fourth Degree; four (4) counts of Possession With Intent to Distribute a Controlled Dangerous Substance, marijuana, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5a(1) and N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5b(12), crimes of the Fourth Degree; one (1) count of Possession With Intent to Distribute a Controlled Dangerous Substance, marijuana, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5a(1) and N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5b(11), a crime of the Third Degree; one (1) count of Possession of more than 50 grams of marijuana, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10a(4), a crime of the Fourth Degree; and four (4) counts of Possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10a(4), disorderly persons offenses.

The maximum sentence for a crime of the third degree is five (5) years New Jersey State Prison and a fine of \$25,000. The maximum sentence for a crime of the fourth degree is eighteen (18) months New Jersey State Prison and a fine of \$10,000 on each count. The maximum sentence for a disorderly persons offense is six (6) months of incarceration and a fine of \$1,000 on each offense.

Mr. Baker's bail has been set by the Honorable John H. Pursel, Judge of the Superior Court, at \$10,000.00 with a ten (10%) percent option. Mr. Baker was incarcerated at the Warren County Correctional Facility in lieu of bail but has subsequently been released. He made his first appearance before the Honorable John H. Pursel, Judge of the Superior Court on Tuesday, June 19, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in the Warren County Superior Court, Belvidere, New Jersey

Please be advised that the defendants are presumed innocent of all charges unless and until proven guilty.


THOMAS SCOTT FERGUSON
Prosecutor of Warren County

Dated: June 25, 2008