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PRESS RELEASE

ARRESTED: **Michael Henry Boesch**
537 Harmony Brass Castle Road
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865
Date of Birth: April 3, 1975
Age: 32
Employer: Bagel Smith, White Township, NJ

The above named individual was arrested yesterday, Monday, July 9, 2007 following a marijuana eradication mission conducted by the Warren County Multi Jurisdictional Narcotics Task Force with the assistance of the New Jersey National Guard Aerial Surveillance Assistance Program. Members of the New Jersey State Police also participated in the investigation and arrest of the individual.

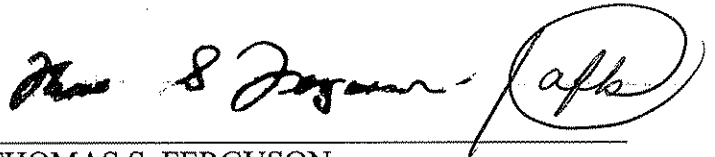
It is alleged that marijuana plants were observed by members of the Task Force from a helicopter operated by the New Jersey National Guard on Mr. Boesch's property who was observed by ground surveillance to be pulling the plants out of the ground as the Ground Surveillance Team arrived on the property.

Mr. Boesch has been charged with one (1) count of First Degree Possession with Intent to Manufacture More Than Fifty (50) Marijuana Plants in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5a(1)/2C:35-5b(10)(a), one (1) count of Fourth Degree Possession of More Than Fifty (50) Grams of Marijuana in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10a(3) and one (1) count of Fourth Degree Possession of Drug Paraphernalia with the Intent to Manufacture or Cultivate Marijuana in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:36-3.

The First Degree crime of Possession with Intent to Manufacture More Than Fifty (50) Plants of Marijuana carries a maximum penalty of up to twenty (20) years in New Jersey State Prison and a \$300,000.00 fine; the Fourth Degree crime of Possession of More Than Fifty (50) Grams of Marijuana carries a maximum penalty of up to eighteen (18) months in New Jersey State Prison and a \$25,000.00 fine; in the Fourth Degree crime of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia with Intent to Manufacture or Cultivate Marijuana carries a maximum penalty of up to eighteen (18) months in State Prison and a \$10,000.00 fine.

Bail was set by John H. Pursel, Judge of the Superior Court, at \$150,000.00 with no ten (10%) per cent option. Mr. Boesch will make his first appearance this afternoon in the Warren County Criminal Court at 1:30 PM. He was incarcerated in the Warren County Correctional Center in lieu of bail. Mr. Boesch posted bail last evening.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas S. Ferguson" followed by a large, stylized flourish that resembles the letters "afk" enclosed in a circle.

THOMAS S. FERGUSON
Prosecutor

DATE: July 10, 2007