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**PRESS RELEASE**

On this date, Shawn T. Crouse pled guilty to Aggravated Sexual Assault, First Degree, Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose, Second Degree, Armed Robbery, First Degree and Kidnapping, First Degree, which exposed him to a maximum potential sentence of 80 years. Pursuant to the plea agreement reached in the case he is to serve 20 years in State Prison, 85% of which, or 17 years, must be served without parole.

The incident in question occurred on March 19, 2009 in Pohatcong Township, Warren County. Crouse told the court he lured an adult female to his residence and sexually assaulted her at gun point. He also said he transported her in his vehicle at gun point to various ATM locations to withdraw money from her account for his use. He said he drove the victim back to his home where she was released.

Sentencing is scheduled for February 19, 2010.

APPROVED BY:

  
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DATED: December 2, 2009