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PRESS RELEASE

Verdict: State v. Ryan R. Dehart
Formerly of: 104 Sitgreaves St., Apt. 107
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865
D.O.B.: 1/6/68

Today the above named individual was convicted by a Warren County Jury of one count of Robbery, a crime of the second degree, and one count of Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose, a crime of the third degree.

The charges were the result of an incident that occurred on July 29, 2009, in the Town of Phillipsburg, Warren County, New Jersey. On that date, the Phillipsburg Police Department responded to Cather's Market at 159 Hudson Street after receiving a panic alarm. Phillipsburg Police responded and met with the owner of Cather's Market. The owner of Cather's Market told Phillipsburg Police that a man she recognized from the past had displayed a metal stick while threatening to kill her if she did not open the register. The assailant left the store without any money.

As to the crime of Robbery, the defendant is facing a minimum State Prison term of 5 years, and a maximum exposure of 10 years in State Prison. In New Jersey, Robbery is one of the enumerated crimes which provide that a defendant must serve 85% of the sentence imposed before being eligible for parole. As to the crime of Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose, the defendant is facing between 3 and 5 years in State Prison.

The trial began on August 3, 2010 and was presided over by the Honorable John J. Coyle Jr., J.S.C.. Assistant Prosecutor Steven M. Siegel handled the case on behalf of the State. The defendant was represented by John V. McGuigan Jr., Esq.

As a result of the conviction on both counts, the Honorable John J. Coyle Jr., J.S.C., raised the defendant's bail from \$50,000.00 without a 10% option to \$100,000.00 without a 10% option.

The investigation was a cooperative effort between the Phillipsburg Police Department, Pohatcong Township Police Department and the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Trial Unit.

Approved by:

Date: August 17, 2010


THOMAS S. FERGUSON
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