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PRESS RELEASE

WANTED: JERMAINE D. HAWKINS

ADDRESS: 618.5 Walnut Street
Easton, Pennsylvania 18042

DOB: March 10, 1987

EMPLOYMENT: Unknown

On Tuesday, July 24, 2007, members of the Warren County Prosecutor's Office, Narcotics Task Force, along with members of the Phillipsburg Police Department patrol and Special Operations Division, conducted a narcotics investigation in the Town of Phillipsburg.

It is alleged that during the investigation, law enforcement attempted to place two suspects, identified as Jermaine D. Hawkins and a 17 year old juvenile female, under arrest for possession of CDS with intent to distribute which occurred on Chambers Street in Phillipsburg. Both suspects fled the scene in a motor vehicle operated by Jermaine Hawkins before law enforcement could effect the arrest. A motor vehicle pursuit ensued towards the Free Bridge wherein it is alleged that 28 "decks" of heroin were discarded from the suspect's motor vehicle which was later seized as evidence. Jermaine Hawkins abandoned his motor vehicle on North Sixth Street in Easton, Pennsylvania, and fled the area on foot. The female passenger was apprehended at the scene and detained for further investigation by the Easton Police Department who also assisted in the investigation. She was later released into the custody of her mother.

Jermaine Hawkins was charged with one count of Eluding Law Enforcement, a crime of the second degree, one count of Possession of Heroin, a crime of the third degree, one count of Possession with Intent to Distribute Heroin, a crime of the third degree, one count of Conspiracy to Distribute Heroin, a crime of the third degree and one count of Hindering his own Apprehension, a crime of the fourth degree.

The maximum sentence for the Second Degree offense charged against the defendant is up to ten (10) years in New Jersey State Prison and up to \$150,000.00 in fines; for the Third Degree offenses charged against the defendant is up to five (5) years in New Jersey State Prison and up to \$75,000.00 in fines and for the Fourth Degree offense charged is up to eighteen (18) months in New Jersey State Prison and up to \$10,000.00 in fines.

The juvenile female was charged with the same offenses as Jermaine Hawkins on juvenile complaints with the exception of the second degree offense of Eluding Law Enforcement.

The maximum disposition for the Second Degree offense charged against the juvenile is up to three (3) years in a juvenile detention facility; for the Third Degree offenses charged against the juvenile is up to two (2) years in a juvenile detention facility and for the Fourth Degree offense charged is up to one (1) year in a juvenile detention facility.

Jermaine Hawkins' current whereabouts are unknown, and he remains a wanted person. (See attached photograph)

IDENTIFIERS

Age: 20

Black Male

Height - 5'7" Weight - 150

Eyes - Brown

Hair - Brown

If you have any information on the whereabouts of Jermaine Hawkins, please contact the Warren County Prosecutor's Office at 908-475-6275 or the Phillipsburg Police Department at 908-454-1121.

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


THOMAS SCOTT FERGUSON
Prosecutor

Dated: 7/26/07

Jermaine Hawkins

