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PRESS RELEASE

Arrested: Richard J. Hesington, Jr.
153 Bullman Street
Apartment #2
Phillipsburg, N.J. 08865
49 Years of age

Victim: Winifred Ellsworth
37 Church Street
Lambertville, N.J.
46 Years of age

On January 8, 2010 at 0300 hours the Phillipsburg Police Department, Warren County Prosecutor's Office Major Crime Unit, and Warren County Medical Examiners Office initiated an investigation into the death of the above victim.

A Phillipsburg Police response at 0256 hours on 1/8/10 for a 911 call from Richard Hesington, Jr., at his home resulted in the arrest of the above Richard Hesington for two counts of possession with intent to distribute Oxycodone, a crime of the third degree. The victim was found by the Phillipsburg officers as unresponsive and was pronounced dead at the scene by responding medics.

An autopsy was performed by Isadore Mihalikis at 0815 hours on 1/8/10 on the victim.

As a result toxicology results requested by the Warren County Medical Examiner Isadore Mihalikis, the death was attributed to the combined effects of Oxycodone and Ithanol alcohol and the manner of death as accidental.

On 1/24/10 the above arrested was charged by Detective Travis Zechman, Phillipsburg Police Department with a First Degree violation of 2C:35-9, knowingly distributing a Schedule II controlled dangerous substance, i.e. Oxycodone to the victim which resulted in her death.

Warren County Judge John Coyle remanded Richard Hesington, Jr., to the Warren County Correctional Center in lieu of \$100,000.00 bail.

Criminal charges are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent of all charges until and unless proven guilty.

APPROVED BY:


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DATE: February 25, 2010