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PRESS RELEASE

ARRESTED: Kevin M. Kane
605 Chief Tatamy Street
Easton, PA 18045
Age 38


As part of the continuing investigation into the drug distribution ring operating in Warren County, additional charges have been filed against Kevin M. Kane. Six charges of official misconduct and one charge of pattern of official misconduct were issued today. Kane surrendered himself today at 3:30 p.m. Mr. Kane is presently lodged at the Warren County Correctional Center. Bail was set by the Honorable John H. Pursel, J.S.C. at \$150,000 with no 10% option. A first appearance on these charges is scheduled for Wednesday, August 5, 2009 at 1:30 p.m., Courtroom No. 1, Warren County Courthouse, Belvidere, New Jersey.

The charges allege that between May 26, 2009 and June 17, 2009, Kevin Kane conducted illegal activities involving controlled dangerous substances while employed as a teacher and/or athletic teams coach for the Phillipsburg School District at the Phillipsburg High School, during school hours, on school property and/or using school equipment.

Each count of official misconduct, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:30-2, is a second degree crime. If convicted, Kane faces a term of between five and ten years in New Jersey State Prison. The charge of pattern of official misconduct, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:30-7, is a crime of the second degree. If convicted, Kane faces a term of imprisonment between 5 and 10 years in New Jersey State Prison.

Previously, Kane had been charged with one third degree count of conspiracy to distribute controlled dangerous substances and one third degree count of attempted distribution of controlled dangerous substances. Subsequently, Kane was charged with one third degree count of Conspiracy to Distribute controlled dangerous substances in a school zone. Each third degree charge carries a maximum penalty of five years in New Jersey State Prison. Bail had been set at \$25,000 without the 10% option. Kane posted bail and was released from the Warren County Correctional Center.

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


THOMAS S. FERGUSON
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Dated: August 4, 2009