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PRESS RELEASE

A search warrant was executed yesterday morning, Wednesday, January 31, 2007, at 9 Susquehanna Lane, Columbia, New Jersey, as a result of an ongoing investigation conducted by members of the Warren County Prosecutor's Office/Multi-Jurisdictional Narcotics Task Force, New Jersey State Police, Hope Barracks and the Phillipsburg Police Department Special Operations Division.

Arrest Warrants were executed without incident on the following individuals:

Thomas J. Kuriakose

9 Susquehanna Lane
Columbia, New Jersey 07832
Date of Birth: December 12, 1984
Employer: Z's Tree Service, Columbia, New Jersey

Ryan M. McCabe

3 Eldan Place
Blairstown, New Jersey 07825
Date of Birth: August 16, 1987
Employer: Ultraflex, Randolph, New Jersey

Juvenile Female

Hardwick, New Jersey 07825
Age: 17

Juvenile Male

Hardwick, New Jersey 07825
Age: 16

Thomas J. Kuriakose was arrested without incident on warrants for one (1) count of Possession with Intent to Distribute of a Controlled Dangerous Substance, Marijuana, in the amount greater than one (1) ounce, in violation of N.J.S. 2C:35-5b(11), a crime of the third degree; one (1) count of Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance,

Marijuana, in the amount of greater than fifty (50) grams, in violation of N.J.S. 2C:35-10a(3), a crime of the fourth degree; one (1) count of Conspiracy to Distribute Marijuana, in violation of N.J.S. 2C:5-2/2C:35-5b(12), a crime of the fourth degree, all of which allegedly occurred on January 31, 2007. Kuriakose was also charged with two (2) counts of Possession of a Prohibited Weapon, brass knuckles and multiple bladed brass knuckles, in violation of N.J.S. 2C:39-3(e), crimes of the fourth degree and one (1) count of Possession and/or Control of one (1) pelouze scale, in violation of N.J.S. 2C:36-2, a disorderly persons offense. Five hundred thirty four dollars (\$534.00) was also seized from Mr. Kuriakose at the time of his arrest.

Mr. Kuriakose was incarcerated in the Warren County Correctional Facility. Bail was set by the Honorable John H. Pursel, Judge of the Superior Court, at \$15,000.00, ten (10%) percent option. He subsequently posted bail. Mr. Kuriakose made his first appearance before the Honorable John H. Pursel, today, February 1, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in the Warren County Superior Court.

Ryan M. McCabe was arrested without incident following a motor vehicle stop in Hope Township on warrants for one (1) count of Employing a Juvenile in a Drug Distribution Scheme, in violation of N.J.S. 2C:35-6, a crime of the second degree; one (1) count of Conspiracy to Use a Juvenile in a Drug Distribution Scheme, in violation of N.J.S. 2C:5-2/2C:35-5-6, a crime of the second degree; four (4) counts of Distributing a Controlled Dangerous Substance, Marijuana, in the amount of less than one ounce, in violation of N.J.S. 2C:35-5a(1)/5b(12) and four (4) counts of Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Distribute, in violation of N.J.S. 2C:35-5a(1)/5b(12), all crimes of the fourth degree. McCabe was also charged with three (3) counts of Possessing a Controlled Dangerous Substance, Marijuana, under fifty (50) grams, in violation of N.J.S. 2C:35-10a(4), a disorderly persons offense and one count (1) of Possession of Drug paraphernalia, in violation of 2C:36-2, disorderly persons offense. The alleged crimes occurred between October 30, 2006 and November 13, 2006, in Knowlton Township. A 1995 Audi motor vehicle was also seized at the time of Mr. McCabe's arrest.

Mr. McCabe is presently incarcerated in the Warren County Correctional Facility in lieu of bail. Bail was set by the Honorable John H. Pursel, Judge of the Superior Court, at \$75,000.00, no ten (10%) percent option. Mr. McCabe made his first appearance before the Honorable John H. Pursel, today, February 1, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. in the Warren County Superior Court.

A Juvenile Female, age 17, was also arrested and charged with two (2) counts of Distributing a Controlled Dangerous Substance, Marijuana,

in the amount of less than one ounce, and Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana on or about October 25, 2006, both violations of N.J.S. 2C:35-5a(1)/5b(12), crimes of the fourth degree. The juvenile female was released to her mother's custody.

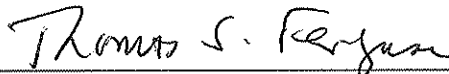
A Juvenile Male, age 16, was also arrested and charged with one (1) count of Distributing a Controlled Dangerous Substance, Marijuana, in the amount of less than one ounce, and Possession with Intent to Distribute, on October 30, 2006, both violations of N.J.S. 2C:35-5a(1)/5b(12), crimes of the fourth degree. The juvenile male was released to his father's custody.

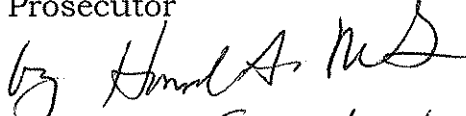
The second degree crimes carry a maximum penalty of up to ten (10) years in New Jersey State Prison and \$150,000.00 in fines; the third degree crimes carry a maximum penalty of up to five years New Jersey State Prison and \$25,000.00 in fines, and the fourth degree crimes carry a maximum penalty of up to eighteen (18) months in New Jersey State Prison and \$10,000.00 in fines. The disorderly persons offenses carry up to a \$1,000.00 fine and six (6) months in the Warren County Correctional Facility.

The fourth degree juvenile offenses carry a potential maximum sentence of one (1) year in the State Correctional Facility for Juveniles.

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

DATE: February 1, 2007


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