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PRESS RELEASE

Arrested: **Faustino Gomez-Lopez**
223 Main Street, Apartment A
Hackettstown, New Jersey 07840
DOB: February 18, 1977
Employer: Rico Pan Bakery, Hackettstown, NJ

The above-named individual was arrested on, July 18, 2007 by Detective Sergeant Timothy Young and Detective Melissa Viscomi of the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Sexual Assault/Child Abuse Unit on 2 counts of Sexual Assault, N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2c(1), a crime of the second degree, two counts of Terroristic Threats, N.J.S.A. 2C:12-3a and 2C:12-3b, a crime of the third degree and one count of Simple Assault, N.J.S.A. 2C:12-1a, a disorderly persons offense.

Detective Wade Caccese and Patrolman David Garzon of the Hackettstown Police Department, Detective Sergeant Roxanne Catterson of the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office, Detective Sergeant Toni Latario and Detective Melissa Viscomi of the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Sexual Assault/Child Abuse Unit conducted the investigation.

Each second-degree crime carries a maximum term of imprisonment of up to ten years in New Jersey State Prison. Each third-degree crime carries a maximum term of imprisonment of up to five years in New Jersey State Prison. The Disorderly Persons offense carries a maximum term of imprisonment of up to six months in the County Correctional Center.

The complaints allege that on July 13, 2007 the defendant held the victim down by her arms and forced the victim to have sexual intercourse with him. The complaint also alleges that on July 14, 2007 the defendant forced his victim to have sexual

intercourse with him by grabbing her around the neck and then pushing her onto the bed. The complaint also alleges that the defendant threatened the victim by telling her that if she left him, he would kill her. The victim was known to the defendant.

Bail was set by the Honorable Amy O'Connor, J.S.C. at \$100,000.00 no ten percent. The defendant is being lodged at Warren County Correctional Center. His first appearance is scheduled for Thursday, July 19, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. before Honorable John H. Pursel, J.S.C.

Please be advised that the charges are merely accusations and that the defendant is presumed innocent until or unless proven guilty.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas S. Ferguson", is written over a horizontal line. To the right of the signature, the initials "JAW" are written.

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Dated: July 19, 2007