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PRESS RELEASE

ARRESTED: Nickolas E. McFarland
110 Arrowhead Court, Apt. F-1
Phillipsburg, New Jersey 08865
DOB: 1-20-1973

The above-named individual was charged with 1 count of Aggravated Arson, a second degree crime. A second degree crime carries a maximum penalty of ten (10) years in New Jersey State Prison. The charges arose as a result of a fire at McFarland's apartment located at 110 Arrowhead Court, Apartment F-1 in Phillipsburg, New Jersey at approximately 2:38 a.m. on September 23, 2010.

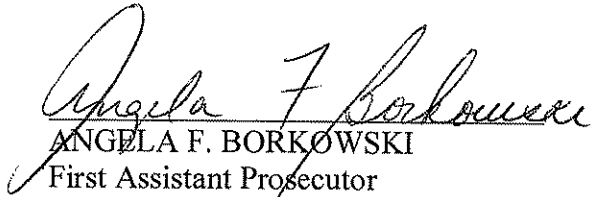
An origin and cause examination determined that the fire was Arson. The complaints allege that Nickolas McFarland started the fire, which left several families homeless.

The investigation was conducted by the Phillipsburg Police Department, Warren County Fire Marshal, the Division of Criminal Justice Fire Safety Unit as well as members of the Warren County Prosecutor's Office.

Bail was set at \$150,000 no ten percent. Other conditions of bail include that he is to have a psychological evaluation. McFarland is presently incarcerated in the Warren County Correctional Center. The defendant's first court appearance is scheduled for Wednesday, September 29, at 1:30 p.m. before Judge John J. Coyle, Jr., J.S.C.

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

Approved by:


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Dated: September 28, 2010