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PRESS RELEASE

ARRESTED: Andrew S. Medina
114 Wingate Drive
Independence Township, NJ
Date of Birth: May 5, 1990
Employer: Unknown

The above named individual was arrested on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 following a joint investigation by the Independence Township Police Department and the Warren County Multi-Jurisdictional Narcotics Task Force. Also assisting with the arrest and apprehension were the Hackettstown Police Department and the New Jersey State Police Canine Unit.

After observing what appeared to be a sale of marijuana, officers attempted to arrest Mr. Medina who fled the area on foot. A foot pursuit ensued, but police were unsuccessful in apprehending him at that time. The New Jersey State Police Canine Unit and Hackettstown Police Department responded to assist in the search for Medina.

Approximately 5 hours later Mr. Medina was apprehended in a vehicle on Route 517 in the Township and arrested without further incident.

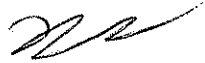
As a result of the investigation, Medina was charged with one (1) count of Possession of Marijuana with the Intent to Distribute in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5a(1) and 2C:35-5b(12), a fourth degree offense; one (1) count of Distribution of Marijuana in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5a(1) and 2C:35-5b(12), a fourth degree offense; one (1) count of Resisting Arrest by Flight in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:29-2a(2), a fourth degree offense; four (4) counts of Possession of Less than 50 grams of Marijuana, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10a(4) and three (3) counts of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:36-2, all of which are disorderly persons offenses.

Each fourth degree crime carries a maximum penalty of up to eighteen (18) months in New Jersey State Prison and a \$10,000 fine. Each disorderly persons offense carries a maximum penalty of six (6) months in the Warren County Correctional Center and a \$500 fine.

Bail was set by Hon. J. Edward Palmer, Judge of the Independence Township Municipal Court, at \$15,000 with no ten (10) percent option. Mr. Medina had his first appearance on

Thursday November 13, 2008 in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Warren County at Belvidere NJ. He was incarcerated at the Warren County Correctional Center in lieu of bail.

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



THOMAS SCOTT FERGUSON
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Dated: November 14, 2008