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PRESS RELEASE

ARRESTED: **Dorian Paschal**
39 Cedar Alley
Phillipsburg, NJ
Date of Birth: February 22, 1961
Employer: Unknown

Amanda Hartranft
39 Cedar Alley
Phillipsburg, NJ
Date of Birth: February 14, 1989
Employer: Unknown

The above named individuals were arrested Thursday, March 12, 2009 following a joint investigation by the Phillipsburg Police Department and the Warren County Multi-Jurisdictional Narcotics Task Force. Also assisting with the arrest and apprehension was the Warren County Tactical Response Team.

Following a month long investigation into alleged drug dealing by Paschal from the residence on Cedar Alley, a search warrant for the home was executed on March 12, 2009. Paschal and Hartranft as well as a juvenile were arrested. During the search, both crack cocaine and powder cocaine were located on the juvenile and items used for weighing, packaging and cutting the cocaine were found in the apartment.


As a result of the investigation, Paschal and Hartranft were both charged with one (1) count of Conspiracy to Possess Controlled Dangerous Substances, a third degree offense in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:5-2 and N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10a(1), one (1) count of Conspiracy to Possess Controlled Dangerous Substance for the purpose of Distribution, a third degree offense in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:5-2 and N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5a(1) and 2C:35-5b(3) and one (1) count of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, a disorderly persons offense in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:36-2. Following further investigation, Paschal and Hartranft were also charged with one (1) count of Employing a

Juvenile in a Drug Distribution Scheme, a second degree offense in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-6. The juvenile was charged with acts of delinquency equivalent to the adult charges of Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance, a third degree offense in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10 and Possession With Intent to Distribute a Controlled Dangerous Substance a third degree offense in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5a(1) and N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5b(3). The juvenile was also charged with being a Fugitive From Justice in New York State.

The second degree crime carries a maximum penalty of up to ten (10) years in New Jersey State Prison and a \$500,000 fine. Each third degree crime carries a maximum penalty of up to five (5) years in New Jersey State Prison and a \$15,000 fine. Each disorderly persons offense carries a maximum penalty of six (6) months in the Warren County Correctional Center and a \$500 fine. For the juvenile, each third degree equivalent charge carries a maximum penalty up to two (2) years in the New Jersey Training School. The juvenile would also face a fine of \$35,000 on the Possession offense and a fine of \$75,000 on the Possession With Intent to Distribute charge.

Bail for Paschal and Hartranft on the initial charges was set by Dennis Baptista, Judge of the Municipal Court, at \$15,000 with no ten (10) percent option. Bail on the subsequent charge of Employing a Juvenile in a Drug Distribution Scheme was set at \$50,000 with no ten (10) percent option by Judge Baptista. Paschal and Hartranft had a first appearance on the initial charges March 13, 2009 in the Warren County Criminal Court and had first appearances on the additional charges on March 25, 2009. Both defendants are incarcerated at the Warren County Correctional Center in lieu of bail. The juvenile was lodged in the Morris County Detention Center.

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


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Dated: March 27, 2009