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**PRESS RELEASE**

**ARRESTED:**        **William P. Radler, Jr.**  
                          **304 Alexandria Drive**  
                          **Hackettstown, New Jersey 07840**  
                          **DOB: 11-4-82**

On Thursday, September 22, 2011, at approximately 1:55 a.m., officers from the Mansfield Township Police Department responded to 911 calls reporting an alleged domestic violence assault at 304 Alexandria Drive in Mansfield Township. Officers were advised that William P. Radler, Jr. was the individual involved and had departed from the residence with a large knife in his possession.

Upon arrival, Sergeant Patrick Kirchner of the Mansfield Township Police Department was advised by the assault victim that Radler had not returned to the second floor residence. Sergeant Kirchner entered the residence to investigate the earlier assault. While Sergeant Kirchner was in the residence, Radler returned to the residence wielding a 16 inch knife. Radler approached Kirchner with the raised knife. In response, Sergeant Kirchner fired a single round from his service weapon that struck Radler in his abdominal area causing him to be immobilized as a further threat.

Both Radler and the original assault victim were transported to and admitted to Morristown Memorial Hospital. Radler was previously charged with Aggravated Assault, a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree offense based on the alleged domestic violence assault. Upon his discharge from the hospital, Radler was lodged in the Warren County Correctional Center with bail of \$100,000.00 without the 10% option.

The investigation of shooting incident was undertaken by the Warren County Prosecutor's Office and the Warren County Regional Crime Scene Unit in accordance with Attorney General Directives. Today, as a result of that ongoing investigation, Radler, age 28, was charged by the Warren County Prosecutor's Office with the additional offenses of Aggravated Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer, a 4<sup>th</sup> degree crime, Aggravated Assault with a Weapon, a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree crime, Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose, a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree crime and Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, a 4<sup>th</sup> degree crime. Radler remains incarcerated with the same bail.

A second degree crime carries a maximum penalty of ten (10) years in New Jersey State Prison. A third degree crime carries a maximum penalty of five (5) years in New Jersey State Prison. A fourth degree crime carries a maximum penalty of 18 months in New Jersey State Prison.

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

Approved by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Ferguson", is written over a horizontal line.

**THOMAS S. FERGUSON**  
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Dated: September 30, 2011