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PRESS RELEASE

Arrested: Carmine Salerno
642 Valley Road
Oxford, NJ 07863

Date of Birth: February 3, 1950

The above-named individual was apprehended on Friday, November 20, 2009, in the City of Naples, Collier County, Florida. Investigation by the Mansfield Police Department and the Warren County Prosecutor's Office led investigators to notify the Collier County, Florida Sheriff's Department that Salerno was believed to be in their jurisdiction. Collier County Sheriff's Officers located and arrested Salerno at about 11:00 A.M. on this date. A complaint charging Salerno with two counts of Felony Murder, one count of Aggravated Assault, and one count of Aggravated Arson, was filed in Warren County on Tuesday, November 17, 2009.

The charges arose as a result of a fire at the Salerno residence located at 642 Valley Road in Mansfield Township at approximately 6:00 A.M. on June 2, 2009. (See attached press releases dated June 2 and June 3, 2009.)

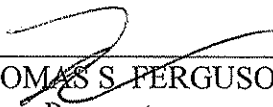
An origin and cause examination determined the fire was arson. Carl Salerno (age 96) and his wife, Margaret Salerno (age 89) died as a result of injuries sustained from the fire. Their son Anthony P. Salerno (age 54) was seriously injured but survived.

The fourth occupant of the residence at the time of the fire was Carmine Salerno (age 58) who was not injured. The complaints allege that Carmine Salerno started the fire which killed his parents and severely injured his brother.

The investigation was conducted by SGT. Robert Emery and Det. Michael MacDonough of the Mansfield Township Police Department, Warren County Fire Marshall Joseph Lake, Detectives Hernani Goncalves, James McCormick and Steve Matuszek of the Warren County Prosecutor's Office, and the Division of Criminal Justice Fire Safety Unit.

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

Approved by:


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Dated: November 20, 2009