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PRESS RELEASE

Convicted: Ezekiel Snyder
Date of Birth: 11/29/91
Address: LKA: 16 Mount Street
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Convicted: Taquan K. Range
Date of Birth: 10/13/87
Address: LKA: 19 Mercer Street
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

On January 29, 2008 in the Town of Phillipsburg, Taquan Range and Ezekiel Snyder and another unknown suspect entered the home of a female victim and mother of a three year old child. They forced themselves in the home. During the course of the robbery/burglary, the victim was sexually assaulted with the three year old present in the home by acts of sexual penetration and contact by Taquan Range. Taquan Range digitally penetrated the victim's vagina. He also forced the victim to perform fellatio on him. During these acts, Taquan Range also committed acts of sexual contact while he was armed with a weapon and threatened by word or gesture to use the weapon for the purpose of sexually arousing or sexually gratifying himself and/or humiliate or degrade the victim. On February 10, 2011, a Warren County Jury convicted Taquan Range of Conspiracy to Commit Burglary and Robbery, 2nd degree, Burglary, 2nd degree, Robbery 1st degree, Terroristic Threats, 3rd degree, two counts Aggravated Sexual Assault, 1st degree, Aggravated Criminal Sexual Contact, 3rd degree, Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose, 2nd degree, Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, 2nd degree and Aggravated Assault, 4th degree. Today, the same Warren County Jury convicted Ezekiel Snyder of Conspiracy to Commit Burglary and Robbery, 2nd degree, Burglary, 2nd degree, and Robbery 1st degree.

A first degree crime carries a maximum sentence of twenty years in New Jersey State Prison. A second degree crime carries a maximum sentence of ten years in New Jersey State Prison. A third degree crime carries a maximum sentence of five years in New Jersey State Prison. A fourth degree crime carries a maximum sentence of up to 18 months in New Jersey State Prison.

Judge John J. Coyle, J.S.C., presided over the trial. Senior Assistant Prosecutor Mark Francis presented the case on behalf of the State. Michael Priarone represented Taquan Range and Steven Lember represented Ezekiel Snyder.

The investigation was conducted by Detective Bureau of the Phillipsburg Police Department with the assistance of the Major Crimes Unit of the Warren County Prosecutor's Office. Detective Scott Imboden was the lead detective from Phillipsburg Police Department. Former Major Crimes Assistant Prosecutor Craig Barto oversaw the investigation.

The defendants are being held without bail pending sentencing.



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Dated: 2/14/11