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## ***County of Warren***

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### PRESS RELEASE

**INDICTED:**           **Frank Stillo**  
4 Municipal Drive  
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865  
DOB: 1/1/1963

**Brandon Stillo**  
4 Municipal Drive  
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865  
DOB: 8/25/1986

**John Rooney**  
39-41 N. Fullerton Avenue  
Montclair, NJ 07042  
DOB: 10/27/1970

**Ronald P. Richie**  
520 Delavan Avenue  
Newark, NJ 07107  
DOB: 8/4/1963

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010, The Warren County Grand Jury returned a 179 count indictment charging Frank Stillo, Brandon Stillo, John Rooney and Ronald P. Richie with various charges resulting from a six month prescription drug distribution investigation in Pohatcong Township and other locations in Warren County as well as various locations throughout the State.

Frank Stillo is charged in 164 counts of the indictment with the following offenses: **(1)** one (1) count of leader of a narcotics trafficking ring, a first degree offense in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-3; **(2)** one (1) count of conspiracy to manufacture marijuana, a second degree offense in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:5-2a and 2C:35-5a(1) and 2C:35-5b(10)(b); **(3)** 106 counts of conspiracy to distribute Oxycodone in a quantity less than one ounce, third degree offenses in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:5-2a and 2C:35-5a(1) and 2C:35-5b(5); **(4)** four (4) counts of conspiracy to distribute marijuana, fourth degree offenses in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:5-2a and 2C:35-5a(1) and 2C:35-5b(12); **(5)** six (6) counts of conspiracy to distribute Oxycodone within 1000 feet of school property, third degree offenses in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:5-2a and 2C:35-7; **(6)** 34 counts of conspiracy to

unlawfully possess a controlled dangerous substance, specifically Oxycodone, third degree offenses in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:5-2a and 2C:35-10a(1); and (7) twelve (12) counts of conspiracy to obtain CDS by fraud, third degree offenses in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:5-2a and 2C:35-13.


Brandon Stillo is charged in ten (10) counts of the indictment with the following offenses: (1) one (1) count of conspiracy to distribute Oxycodone in a quantity less than one ounce, a third degree offense in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:5-2a and 2C:35-5a(1) and 2C:35-5b(5); (2) two (2) counts of conspiracy to unlawfully possess a controlled dangerous substance, specifically Oxycodone, third degree offenses in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:5-2a and 2C:35-10a(1); (3) five (5) counts of conspiracy to distribute marijuana, fourth degree offenses in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:5-2a and 2C:35-5a(1) and 2C:35-5b(12); and four (4) counts of conspiracy to obtain CDS by fraud, third degree offenses in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:5-2a and 2C:35-13.

Ronald Richie is charged in six counts of the indictment with six (6) counts of conspiracy to distribute Oxycodone in a quantity less than one ounce, third degree offenses in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:5-2a and 2C:35-5a(1) and 2C:35-5b(5).

John Rooney is charged in five (5) counts of the indictment with three (3) counts of conspiracy to distribute Oxycodone in a quantity less than one ounce, third degree offenses in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:5-2a and 2C:35-5a(1) and 2C:35-5b(5) and two (2) counts of conspiracy to obtain CDS by fraud, third degree offenses in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:5-2a and 2C:35-13.

The first degree crime of Leader of a Narcotics Trafficking Ring carries a maximum penalty of twenty-five (25) years to life in New Jersey State Prison and a fine not to exceed \$750,000. The second degree crime of conspiracy to manufacture marijuana carries a maximum penalty of up to ten (10) years in New Jersey State Prison and a fine not to exceed \$150,000. Each third degree crime carries a maximum penalty of up to five (5) years in New Jersey State Prison and a fine not to exceed \$15,000. Each fourth degree crime carries a maximum penalty of up to eighteen (18) months in New Jersey State Prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

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

  
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Prosecutor of Warren County

Dated: May 5, 2010

**Refer to previous press releases dated 6/25/09  
7/2/09, 8/4/09, and 12/29/09 regarding this case**