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PRESS RELEASE

A search warrant was executed yesterday afternoon, Thursday, February 1, 2007, at 209 Washington Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey, as a result of an ongoing investigation conducted by members of the Warren County Prosecutor's Office/Multi-Jurisdictional Narcotics Task Force and the Phillipsburg Police Department Special Operations Division.

As a result of the search warrant, the following individual was arrested:

Joe M. Williams
209 Washington Street
Phillipsburg, New Jersey
Date of Birth: July 5, 1983
Unemployed

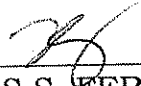
Joe M. Williams was arrested without incident on warrants for one (1) count of Possession with the Intent to Distribute a Controlled Dangerous Substance, Heroin, in violation of N.J.S. 2C:25-5b(2), a crime of the second degree; one (1) count of Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Dangerous Substance, Heroin, within 1000 feet of a School, in violation of N.J.S. 2C:35-7, a crime of the third degree and one (1) count of Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance, Heroin, in violation of N.J.S. 2C:35-10a(1), a crime of the third degree. A total of 830 packets of suspected Heroin were seized following the defendant's arrest.

Williams was also charged with Possession of a Firearm without a Permit to Carry, in violation of N.J.S. 2C:35-5b, a crime of the third degree and Possession of hollow nose bullets, in violation of N.J.S. 2C:39-3f(1), a crime of the fourth degree. Three hundred twenty two (\$322.90) dollars and a Ford Explorer were also seized at the time of Mr. Williams' arrest. A drug restraining order was also issued prohibiting Mr. Williams from going within 500 feet of 209 Washington Street.

Mr. Williams is presently incarcerated in the Warren County Correctional Facility in lieu of bail. Bail was set by the Honorable John H. Pursel, Judge of the Superior Court, at \$150,000.00, no ten (10%) percent option. Mr. Williams will make his first appearance before the John H. Pursel, J.S.C., today, February 2, 2007, at 1:30 p.m. in the Warren County Superior Court.

The second degree crime carries a maximum penalty of up to ten (10) years in New Jersey State Prison and \$150,000.00 fine; the third degree crimes carry a maximum penalty of up to five (5) years New Jersey State Prison and \$150,000.00 fine, and the fourth degree crime carries a maximum penalty of up to eighteen (18) months in New Jersey State Prison and \$10,000.00 fine.

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



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DATE: February 2, 2007