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Juvenile Delinquency Adjudications

Court date: January 14, 2009

Name: John J. Murphy-Weiss **DOB:** April 29, 1993
Residence: Phillipsburg, New Jersey
Judge: Coyle

Offenses and degree: Aggravated Assault – 3rd Degree – N.J.S.A. 2C:12-1b(7)
Date(s) of Offense(s): October 1, 2008 **Location of Offense(s):** Franklin Township
Investigating Agency: New Jersey State Police – Washington Barracks
Prosecuting Attorney: James Donegan **Defense Attorney:** Neil Gillespie

Disposition:

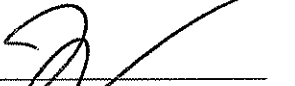
1 years probation.
Violation of probation exposes a juvenile to a potential maximum sentence of incarceration at New Jersey Training School for Boys at Jamesburg two (2) years for a third degree offense, three (3) years for a second degree offense.
20 days incarceration in Morris County Juvenile Detention Center;
20 days will be suspended
15 hours of community service,
Pay:
\$ 60 Violent Crimes Compensation Board Penalty,
\$ 15 Law Enforcement Officers Training and Education Fund penalty;
Provide a DNA sample;
Undergo fingerprinting,
Undergo a mental health evaluation and complete any recommended treatment,
Attend school and obey school rules
Letter of apology to the victim

Circumstances of the offense:

On October 1, 2009, John Murphy-Weiss boarded a school bus at the Warren County Vocational Technical School at the end of the school day. While he was sitting on the bus, Murphy-Weiss took a lighter from his pocket and began heating it. Murphy-Weiss then pressed the hot lighter on the back of the neck of an unsuspecting student who was seated in front of him on the bus. The juvenile victim's neck was burned as a result of Murphy-Weiss's actions.

This information is provided pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:4A-60f

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