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## ***County of Warren***

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **STATE IN THE INTEREST OF BRETT JOHNSON AND JESSE ZEIGLER**

**Brett Johnson**  
**DOB: 10/25/1990**  
**Age: 16**  
**Address: Phillipsburg, Warren County, New Jersey**

On July 24, 2007, the Honorable Ann Bartlett sentenced a juvenile, Brett Johnson, 16, to one (1) year probation on one (1) count of possession of marijuana with intent to distribute within 1,000 ft on a school, a third degree offense. As conditions of probation, the judge ordered the following:

- (1) 60 days detention in Warren Acres; 30 days are suspended, and juvenile has credit for 6 days. Juvenile will serve the remaining 24 days on 8 weekends.
- (2) Perform 100 hours of community service,
- (3) Provide a DNA sample;
- (4) Undergo fingerprinting,
- (5) Undergo a substance abuse evaluation and complete any recommended treatment,
- (6) Have no contact with the co-juvenile involved in the incident,
- (7) Attend school and obey school rules,
- (8) Obtain and maintain part time employment,
- (9) Pay a \$30.00 Violent Crimes Compensation Board Penalty,
- (10) Pay a \$1,000.00 Drug Enforcement and Demand Reduction penalty,
- (11) Pay a \$25.00 forensics lab fee,
- (12) Pay a \$15.00 Law Enforcement Officers Training and Education Fund penalty,
- (13) Six months delay in obtaining driver's license.

Johnson plead guilty to one (1) count of possession of marijuana with intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of a school, a third degree offense. The charges resulted from an investigation by the Phillipsburg Police Department which revealed that on July 24<sup>th</sup>, the juvenile had on his person a large plastic bag containing several small bags of marijuana. The juvenile admitted he intended to sell the marijuana.

The third degree offense carries a potential maximum sentence of two (2) years in the State Correctional Facility for Juveniles.

The matter was handled by Ryan Dornish, Esq., on behalf of the juvenile and Dit Mosco, Assistant Prosecutor on behalf of the State.

**Jesse Zeigler**

**DOB: 5/22/1992**

**Age: 15**

**Address: Washington, Warren County, New Jersey**

On July 24, 2007, the Honorable Ann Bartlett sentenced a juvenile, Jesse Zeigler, 15, to one (1) year probation on one (1) count of theft from a person and one (1) count of possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose, both third degree offenses. As conditions of probation, the judge ordered the following:

- (1) 60 days detention in Warren Acres; juvenile has credit for 36 days and must serve the remaining 24 days.
- (2) Perform 45 hours of community service,
- (3) Provide a DNA sample;
- (4) Undergo fingerprinting,
- (5) Undergo a psychiatric evaluation and complete any recommended treatment,
- (6) Have no contact with the victims or the co-jvenile involved in the incident,
- (7) Attend school and obey school rules,
- (8) Obtain and maintain part time employment,
- (9) Pay a \$60.00 Violent Crimes Compensation Board Penalty,

- (10) Pay a \$15.00 Law Enforcement Officers Training and Education Fund penalty,

Zeigler plead guilty to one (1) count of theft from a person and one (1) count of possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose, both third degree offenses. The charges resulted from an investigation by the Washington Borough Police Department which revealed that on June 19th, the juvenile forcibly took a knife from one victim, brandished it in a threatening manner, and attempted to engage a second victim in a fight.

These third degree offenses each carry a potential maximum sentence of two (2) years in the State Correctional Facility for Juveniles.

The matter was handled by Andrew Shaw, Esq., on behalf of the juvenile and Dit Mosco, Assistant Prosecutor on behalf of the State.

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