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ARRESTED:

MICHAEL WEAVER 396 CENTER STREET PHILLIPSBURG, NEW JERSEY AGE: 40

During the week of August 19, 2024, law enforcement received information that Michael Weaver had manufactured a firearm using a 3D printer. On August 26, 2024, Phillipsburg Police Department, Warren County Prosecutor's Office and the Warren County Tactical Response Team executed a Search Warrant at Michael Weaver's residence. During the investigation, law enforcement recovered a manufactured 9mm handgun, two 3D printers, thousands of rounds of multi-caliber ammunition and equipment to manufacture such ammunition.

Michael Weaver was charged with the following crimes:

- 1) Manufacturing or Facilitating the Manufacture of a Firearm using Three-Dimensional Printer, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-9(L)(1), a crime of the second degree.
- 2) Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, specifically a handgun, without first obtaining a permit, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5b(1), a crime of the second degree.
- 3) Certain Person Not to Have Weapons or Ammunition, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-7b(1), a crime of the second degree.

Second Degree crimes carry a maximum sentence of 10 years in New Jersey State Prison. Any conviction for the crimes charged pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:39-9(L)(1) and N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5b(1) is subject to a parole ineligibility period of one-half of any sentence imposed by the Court or forty-two months, whichever is greater. A conviction for the crime charged pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:39-7b(1) is subject to a minimum term of parole ineligibility of five years.

As a result of the investigation, Weaver is currently being held in the Warren County Correctional Center in Belvidere, New Jersey.

The charges are merely accusations. The defendant is presumed innocent **until and unless** proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

The Warren County Prosecutor's Office and the Warren County Tactical Response Team assisted the Phillipsburg Police Department with the investigation.

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