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PRESS RELEASE

On Sunday, February 25, 2024, New Jersey State Troopers from the Washington Barracks responded to Four Sisters Winery, located in White Township after receiving a report that a man and a woman left two toddlers, ages two and three, in a vehicle while they entered the establishment for a wine tasting session. The suspects reportedly left the children unattended for approximately 20 minutes. While enroute Troopers were alerted that the vehicle had departed.

Troopers located the vehicle in Harmony Township that same day and observed the children unharmed.

On Thursday, April 25, 2024, the below listed individuals were charged with two counts of each offense as a result of the investigation.

JOHN J. O'MAHONEY PHILLIPSBURG, NEW JERSEY AGE: 43

1) Cruelty and Neglect of Children, in violation of N.J.S.A. 9:6-3, a crime of the fourth degree.

RADHIKA VYAS PHILLIPSBURG, NEW JERSEY AGE: 37

1) Cruelty and Neglect of Children, in violation of N.J.S.A. 9:6-3, a crime of the fourth degree.

Fourth degree offenses carry a maximum sentence of 18 months in the New Jersey State Prison.

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

The Warren County Prosecutor's Office would like to recognize the conscientious staff at Four Sisters Winery for notifying authorities of this dangerous condition. Additionally, we would like to remind everyone that it is not acceptable to leave young children unattended in a vehicle, and that doing so for even a short period of time can result in tragic consequences.

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