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**PRESS RELEASE**

**INDICTED:**

**Arthur J. Verge III**  
**325 Pleasant Hill Road**  
**Flanders, New Jersey 07836**  
**DOB: March 31, 1961**

**Andre J. Verge**  
**102 Main Street**  
**Succasunna, New Jersey 07876**  
**DOB: February 21, 1967**

On Wednesday, September 26, 2012, the Warren County Grand Jury returned a four-count Indictment charging the above individuals with offenses related to a November 17, 2009 fire at 94-94 ½ McKeen Street in Phillipsburg, New Jersey. The two-family residential structure located at the aforementioned address was owned by the Defendants and was utilized as rental property. At the time of the fire, all tenants had been evicted from the premises and the two apartments were unoccupied. The fire was brought under control by the Phillipsburg Fire Department. The fire was investigated by the Phillipsburg Police Department, the Warren County Fire Marshal and the Warren County Prosecutor's Office.

The Indictment specifically charges each Defendant with Conspiracy to Commit Aggravated Arson, a second degree criminal offense, Aggravated Arson, a second degree criminal offense, Conspiracy to Commit Insurance Fraud, a third degree criminal offense and Insurance Fraud, a third degree criminal offense.

Each second degree crime carries a maximum sentence of ten (10) years in New Jersey State Prison and a maximum fine of \$150,000.00. Each third degree crime carries a maximum sentence of five (5) years in New Jersey State Prison and a maximum fine of \$15,000.00.

Please be advised that the charges are merely accusations and that the Defendants are presumed innocent of all charges unless and until proven guilty.

Approved by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard T. Burke", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

**RICHARD T. BURKE**  
Prosecutor

Dated: October 1, 2012