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PRESS RELEASE

GUILTY PLEAS: Joshua J. Dalrymple (Defendant) Nicholas J. Yerian (Defendant)
238 Sitgreaves Street 145 Hudson Street
Phillipsburg, New Jersey Phillipsburg, New Jersey
DOB: November 26, 1983 DOB: June 30, 1986

VICTIM: Scott Patronick (Deceased)
224 Washington Street
Phillipsburg, New Jersey
DOB: December 9, 1963

On August 7, 2012, the above named defendants entered guilty pleas before the Honorable Ann R. Bartlett, J.S.C. at the Warren County Courthouse. Each pled guilty to Aggravated Manslaughter, a violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:11-4a(1), a first degree crime.

During their pleas of guilty, both Dalrymple and Yerian admitted their physical assault of Mr. Patronick in the very early morning hours of February 28, 2011 in Pear Alley between Hudson Street and the Freeman School in Phillipsburg. Dalrymple and Yerian admitted the encounter began as Mr. Patronick left the Hilltop Café shortly after they had been ejected from that establishment. Dalrymple and Yerian stated that Mr. Patronick called out to them as the pair was proceeding to Yerian's home which is located across Hudson Street. Dalrymple and Yerian stated that the three then proceeded into Pear Alley where the physical encounter ultimately started. Dalrymple and Yerian admitted that their violent physical assault continued even after Mr. Patronick was lying defenseless on the ground. Each admitted that the injuries they jointly inflicted during the assault caused Mr. Patronick's death at Warren Hospital to where he had been transported for medical treatment.

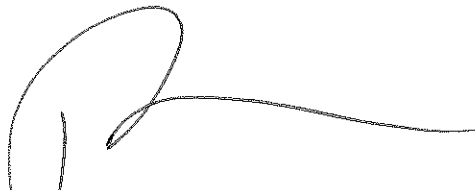
As a result of their pleas of guilty, Dalrymple is exposed to a maximum sentence of fourteen (14) years in New Jersey State Prison and Yerian is exposed to a maximum sentence of twelve (12) years in New Jersey State Prison. Any sentence imposed for Aggravated

Manslaughter is subject to the provisions of the *No Early Release Act* which requires that 85% of the sentence actually be served followed by a five (5) year period of parole supervision.

The recommended sentence also calls for payment of restitution and for the Defendants to have no contact with Mr. Patronick's family. Sentencing is tentatively scheduled for November 16, 2012.

The case was investigated by the Phillipsburg Police Department and the Warren County Prosecutor's Office. The State is represented by Assistant Prosecutor Donald F. Cox, Jr. Dalrymple is represented by Edward J. Hesketh, Esq. Yerian is represented by Michael A. Priarone, Esq.

APPROVED BY:
DATE: August 8, 2012



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