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PRESS RELEASE

Arrested: **William T. Carter**
55 West Spring Street
Somerville, New Jersey 08876

Date of Birth: **September 4, 1984**

On September 15, 2016, William T. Carter, residing at 55 West Spring Street Somerville, New Jersey, was arrested after a three month undercover operation into drug distribution and gun trafficking by the DEA New Jersey Division, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, the Warren County Prosecutor's Office- Narcotics Task Force, the Hunterdon County Prosecutors Office, and the Independence Police Department.

Carter was arrested in Hackettstown, NJ, delivering approximately two ounces of cocaine for the trade of an AR 15 rifle with a defaced serial number, a flash suppressor, a threaded barrel for a .45 caliber handgun and a brass catcher. Carter arrived on the day of the arrest with a loaded .45 caliber handgun and an extra gun magazine loaded with bullets. The .45 caliber handgun also had a defaced serial number.

During several previous meetings with undercover personnel, Carter continuously expressed his interest in obtaining an AR 15 rifle with a defaced serial number, a flash suppressor, a threaded barrel for the .45 caliber handgun, and a brass catcher. Carter was placed under surveillance and observed distributing CDS throughout Warren and Hunterdon Counties during the course of the three month investigation.

On the same date Carter was arrested, law enforcement executed three search warrants. One at a residence in Washington Borough, Warren County, one at a residence in Lebanon Township, Hunterdon County and one on Carter's vehicle in Hackettstown. Carter was taken into custody with the assistance of the Warren County Tactical Response Team.

William Carter is charged with Possession of CDS in violation of NJS 2C:35-10A(1), a crime of the third degree; Possession with intent to distribute CDS in violation of NJS: 2C:35-5B(3), a crime of the third degree; Distribution of CDS in violation of NJS 2C:35-5B(3) , a crime of the third degree; Possession of firearm silencer in violation of NJS 2C:39-3C, a crime of the fourth degree; Two counts of possession of a defaced firearm in violation of NJS 2C:39-3D, a crime of the fourth degree; Two counts of possession of a firearm in violation of NJS 2C:39-4A(1) , a crime of the second degree; Possession of firearm without a carrying permit in violation of NJS 2C:39-5C(1), a crime of the third degree; Possession of firearm without obtaining a purchasing permit in violation of NJS 2C:39-5B(1) , a crime of the third degree; Possession of a firearm while distributing CDS in violation of NJS 2C39-4.1A, a crime of the second degree; Possession of a firearm while being a convicted felon in violation of NJS 2C:39-7B(1) , a crime of the second degree.

William T. Carter was lodged in the Warren County Correctional facility in default of \$150,000.00 bail without a ten percent option. First appearance was scheduled for Friday, September 16, 2016, at the Warren County Superior Courthouse.

Carl J. Kotowski, Special Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration's New Jersey Division said, "A dangerous man was taken off the streets on Thursday evening. Anyone wanting to purchase an assault rifle with a defaced serial number has only bad intentions. The people of Warren County can be assured that Law enforcement is doing all it can to keep them safe."

Warren County Prosecutor, Richard Burke said, "This arrest is a great example of the cooperation between federal, state, and municipal agencies to eradicate illegal weapons and drugs from our community."

Approved by:



RICHARD T. BURKE
Warren County Prosecutor

Date: September 20, 2016