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PRESS RELEASE

CHARGED: **Michael Cedola, Jr.**
 4 Myrtle Avenue
 Washington, NJ 07882
 DOB: 07/03/1990

On December 21, 2016, Michael Cedola was charged with various firearm and controlled dangerous substance-related offenses following a four-week undercover investigation into drug trafficking in and around Washington N.J. The investigation was conducted by the Washington Township Police Department and the Warren County Prosecutor's Office-Narcotics Task Force. The Warren County Tactical Response Team assisted with the execution of a search warrant at the above residence, and various controlled dangerous substances as well as a stolen firearm were recovered.

Cedola is charged with:

1. One (1) count of possession of a handgun while in the course of distributing or possessing with the intent to distribute CDS, a second degree offense in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-4.1, and
2. One (1) count of possession of a handgun by a certain person not to possess a handgun, a second degree offense in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-7; and
3. One (1) count of illegal possession of a handgun, a second degree offense in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5; and
4. Two (2) counts of possession of heroin, a third degree offense, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10a(1); and
5. One (1) count of possession of a stolen handgun, a third degree offense, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:20-3; and
6. Two (2) counts of distribution or possession with the intent to distribute heroin, a third degree offense in violation N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5b(3).

Each of the second degree crimes carries a maximum of ten years New Jersey State Prison with a mandatory period of parole ineligibility of up to five years and/or a fine of \$150,000. Each of the third degree crimes carries a maximum of five years New Jersey State Prison and/or a fine of \$75,000.

Cedola's first appearance on the charges was held Wednesday December 21, 2016 at the Warren County Court House.

Please be advised that the defendant is presumed innocent 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 of Warren County

Dated: December 21, 2016