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ARRESTED & CHARGED

VINCENT S. NOEL HELLERTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA AGE: 60

On Sunday, May 25, 2025, at approximately 4:45 A.M., New Jersey State Troopers from the Perryville Barracks responded to a motor vehicle accident involving a single vehicle that had reportedly run off the roadway into the woods. The driver, Vincent Noel, was transported to the St. Luke's Anderson Campus for moderate but non-life threatening injuries. During a routine safety inspection of the vehicle, a handgun was located in the engine compartment behind a front headlight. The vehicle is registered and owned by Noel, and he was in sole possession of the vehicle at the time of the incident.

On the same date, Noel was charged on a Complaint Warrant with the offenses below. He was held pending a State's Motion for Pretrial Detention.

- 1. Possession of a handgun without first having obtained a permit, in violation of <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 2C:39-5b(1), a crime of the first degree.
- 2. Possession of hollow nose or dum-dum bullets, in violation of <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 2C:39-3f (1), a crime of the fourth degree crime.
- 3. Certain Persons Not to Possess Weapons or Ammunition, in violation of <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 2C:39-7b(1), a crime of the second degree crime.
- 4. Certain persons Not to Possess Weapons or Ammunition, in violation of <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 2C:39-7a, a crime of the fourth degree.

On Monday, June 16, 2025, the Court heard the State's Motion for Pretrial Detention. After hearing the State's evidence, the Court granted the State's motion and ordered the defendant detained. The defendant is currently lodged in the Warren County Correctional Center in Belvidere, New Jersey pending trial.

First degree crimes carry a maximum sentence of twenty (20) years in the New Jersey State Prison, second degree crimes carry a maximum sentence of ten (10) years in the New Jersey State Prison, and fourth degree crimes carry a maximum sentence of eighteen (18) months in the New Jersey State Prison.

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

The New Jersey State Police Perryville Barracks conducted the investigation.