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## County of Warren

## PRESS RELEASE

Charged:

Paul Rummerfield 564 Barrymore Street Phillipsburg, N.J.

Age: 68

Paul Rummerfield is the Executive Director of the Phillipsburg Housing Authority. On January 22, 2021, Mr. Rummerfield was charged following an investigation into allegations that he had unlawfully installed video and audio recording equipment in the offices of the Housing Authority. It is further alleged that Mr. Rummerfield used this equipment to listen to conversations between Housing Authority employees of which he was not a part and without their consent.

Mr. Rummerfield is charged with the following offenses:

- Two counts of Official Misconduct, in the second degree, contrary to N.J.S.A. ٠ 2C:30-2
- One count of Pattern of Official Misconduct, in the second degree, contrary to N.J.S.A. 2C:30-7
- One count of Possession, Sale, Distribution, Manufacture or Advertisement of Intercepting Devices, in the third degree, contrary to N.J.S.A. 2A:156A-5
- One count of Interception, Disclosure, Use of Wire, Electric, Oral • Communication, in the third degree, contrary to N.J.S.A. 2A:156A-3

The Warren County Prosecutor's Office conducted the investigation alongside the New Jersey State Police Official Corruption North Unit and the New Jersey Regional Computer Forensic Laboratory.

Please be advised that the charges are merely accusations and that the defendant is presumed innocent until or unless proven guilty.

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First Assistant Prosecutor

Date: January 22, 2021