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PRESS RELEASE

Arrested: Brett Monk

15 Reese Court

Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Age: 27

Shortly before dawn, Monday, December 28, 2020, the Express gas station at the intersection of Hudson and South Main Streets in Phillipsburg, NJ was robbed. The lone offender was described as a male, wearing a mask and black coat and armed with a handgun.

A K-9 track from the robbery scene led to the vicinity of the rear of 15 Reese Court in Phillipsburg.

Multiple tips were phoned in due to a Facebook posting, by the Phillipsburg Police Department, requesting information. As a result of the tips received and ensuing investigation, charges were filed against Mr. Monk who was subsequently arrested late Tuesday evening by the Pennsylvania State Police, in Lititz, PA.

Mr. Monk is charged with one count of first degree Robbery, contrary to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 2C:15-1(a)2, one count of second degree Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, in violation of <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 2C:39-5(b)1, and one count of second degree Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose, contrary to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 2C:39-4(a)1.

He is currently lodged in the Lancaster, PA County jail, awaiting extradition to Warren County, NJ.

The Phillipsburg Police Department along with the Warren County Prosecutor's Office conducted the investigation with assistance from the Pennsylvania State Police, Lancaster, PA.

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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