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PRESS RELEASE

**CHARGED & ARRESTED: KHALIL S. THOMAS
PHILLIPSBURG, NEW JERSEY
AGE: 30**

On Thursday, May 23, 2024, at approximately 8:35 P.M., members of the Phillipsburg Police Department responded to the area of Stockton and Mercer Streets after receiving a report of gunfire. Upon patrols arrival, officers were informed that no one had been shot but that an individual had discharged a gun. During the course of the investigation, Khalil Thomas was identified as a suspect, and shortly thereafter arrested by the Phillipsburg Police Department.

Khalil S. Thomas was charged with the offenses below, as a result of the investigation, and is currently being held in the Warren County Correctional Center in Belvidere, New Jersey.

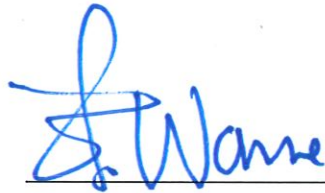
- 1) Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, specifically a handgun, without first obtaining a permit, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5b(1), a crime of the second degree.
- 2) Possession of a Firearm for an Unlawful Purpose, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-4a(1), a crime of the second degree.
- 3) Commit Aggravated Assault by attempting to cause bodily injury to a person with a deadly weapon, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:12-1b(1), a crime of the second degree.

- 4) Terroristic Threats, threatened to kill another person, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:12-3(b), a crime of the third degree.
- 5) Fingerprinting of Suspects, refused to allow law enforcement to obtain fingerprints during the criminal arrest process, in violation of N.J.S.A. 53:1-15, a disorderly persons offense.

Second degree crimes carry a maximum sentence of 10 years in the New Jersey State Prison and third degree crimes carry a maximum sentence of 5 years in the New Jersey State Prison. Disorderly persons offenses carry a maximum sentence of 6 months in the Warren County Correctional Center.

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 Warren County Prosecutor's Office and Pohatcong Township Police Department assisted the Phillipsburg Police Department with the investigation.



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Acting Chief of Detectives

05/29/24
Date