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GRAND JURY HANDS DOWN 15 COUNT INDICTMENT FOR BURGLARY SUSPECTS

Hunterdon County Prosecutor Anthony P. Kearns, III, announced the indictment of Lesley Valentin, age 32, of Asbury Park, and Jarret L. Bruce, age 34, of Hackensack. On August 10, 2017, A Hunterdon County Grand Jury handed down a 15 count indictment on Mr. Valentin and Mr. Bruce for crimes occurring in Tewksbury Township and Clinton Township.

The indictments were as follows:

- 2nd Degree Eluding – 1 count
- 3rd Degree Burglary – 1 count
- 3rd Degree Conspiracy – 1 count
- 3rd Degree Attempted Burglary – 3 counts
- 3rd Degree Resisting Arrest – 2 counts
- 3rd Degree False Government Document – 1 count
- 4th Degree Harming a Law Enforcement Animal – 1 count
- 4th Degree Criminal Mischief – 3 count
- 4th Degree Obstructing Governmental Operations – 1 count
- 4th Degree Hindering – 1 count

The defendants were arrested on May 24, 2017. Mr. Valentin and Mr. Bruce are scheduled to appear in Hunterdon County Superior Court on August 21, 2017 for a post-indictment hearing.

The filing of a criminal complaint is merely a step in the criminal justice process. The defendant is presumed innocent until the matter is resolved in a court of law.

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