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HUNTERDON COUNTY GRAND JURY ISSUES NEW INDICTMENT AGAINST NJ CORRECTION OFFICER

Hunterdon County Prosecutor Anthony P. Kearns, III, announced that a Hunterdon County Grand Jury has issued a superseding indictment charging Ahnwar Dixon, age 39, of East Orange, NJ, with one count of 2nd degree Sexual Assault, three counts of 2nd degree Official Misconduct, five counts of 4th degree Criminal Sexual Conduct and one count of 2nd degree Pattern of Official Misconduct. The new indictment was sought after an ongoing investigation revealed a third victim was assaulted by the defendant.

Mr. Dixon was previously arrested on November 19, 2016, and later indicted on one count of 2nd degree Sexual Assault, two counts of 2nd degree Official Misconduct and one count of 2nd degree Pattern of Official Misconduct, and three counts of 4th degree Criminal Sexual Contact. The joint investigation by the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office and the New Jersey Department of Correction Special Investigations Division revealed that Mr. Dixon was employed as a Correction Officer when he engaged in a sexual relationship with inmates at the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility in Clinton Township. Mr. Dixon has been suspended from his position with the New Jersey Department of Corrections since his arrest.

An indictment 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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