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EDNA MAHAN OFFICER CHARGED WITH TAMPERING WITH A WITNESS

Acting Hunterdon County Prosecutor Michael J. Williams, Acting Chief of Detectives Frank R. Crisologo, and New Jersey Department of Corrections Acting Commissioner Marcus O. Hicks announced the arrest of an individual on witness tampering.

According to Acting Prosecutor Williams, “On September 27, 2019, Jose R. Martinez, age 42 of Bayonne, NJ, was arrested and charged with one count of third degree tampering with a witness. The investigation conducted by the NJDOC Special Investigation Division revealed that Mr. Martinez, while employed as a Lieutenant at the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility, was under investigation for criminal activity. During the course of that investigation, he asked a fellow officer to provide false information. Mr. Martinez was released pending a court appearance.”

“The NJDOC remains steadfast in its commitment to ensuring the safety of those in our custody and through our Special Investigations Division will continue to work relentlessly with law enforcement partners throughout the state to ensure that those who threaten that safety are held accountable,” said Acting Commissioner Marcus O. Hicks, Esq.

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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