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EAST ORANGE MAN CHARGED WITH WITNESS TAMPERING

Acting Hunterdon County Prosecutor Michael J. Williams and Chief of Detectives Frank R. Crisologo announced the arrest of one individual for witness tampering.

According to Acting Prosecutor Williams, “On July 1, 2020, after a joint investigation by the Hunterdon County Prosecutor’s Office’s Special Victims Unit and the New Jersey Department of Corrections’ Special Investigations Division, Devon E. Vassell, age 54, of East Orange, was arrested and charged with 3rd degree witness tampering. Mr. Vassell has been employed at the Edna Mahan Correction Facility as an Institutional Trade Instructor since March 19, 2016. The crime took place in 2018 at the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility in Union Township. Mr. Vassell is scheduled for his first court appearance on July 6, 2020.”

This is an ongoing investigation and anyone with relevant information regarding Mr. Vassell is encouraged to call the Hunterdon County Prosecutor’s Office’s Special Victims Unit at (908) 788-1129.

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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