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Subject: Multi-Agency Response Leads to Safe Apprehension of Domestic Violence Suspect

***** ACCUSED *****

Anthony L. Pope Jr., 31-year-old black male from Robbinsville, NJ was charged with the following criminal charges:

2C:13-1B (2) Kidnapping 2nd Degree
2C:13-2A Criminal Restraint 3rd Degree
2C:12-3B Terroristic Threats 3rd Degree
2C:39-4D Possession of a Weapon For Unlawful Purposes 3rd Degree
2C:17-3A (1) Criminal Mischief 4th Degree
2C:12-1A (1) Simple Assault DP Offense
2C:33-4A Harassment PDP Offense

***** The accused is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law *****

At approximately 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, Robbinsville Township Police Dispatch received a phone call from a concerned family member that the victim's ex-boyfriend, later identified as Anthony L. Pope, 31, of Robbinsville, had broken into her apartment located in Robbinsville. The caller further reported that the accused was recently released from jail and had trashed the residence, was in possession of a knife, and made alarming statements, including threats of "Suicide by Cop" and a refusal to return to jail.

Robbinsville Police officers immediately responded to the scene. Upon arrival, it was determined that the accused had already fled the area on foot into a wooded area. An incident command post was established, and officers secured a perimeter around the area. The Robbinsville Police Drone Unit deployed a drone to begin a grid search for the accused.

Additional resources were requested, and the following agencies responded to assist in the search:

- East Windsor Police Department

- Hamilton Police Department
- Hopewell Police Department
- West Windsor Police Department
- Mercer County Sheriff's Office
- Mercer County Prosecutor's Office
- Mercer County Rapid Response Partnership – Drone Strike Team
- New Jersey State Police
- U.S. Marshals Service

Drones from Hamilton Police Department, Hopewell Police Department, West Windsor Police Department, Mercer County Sheriff's Office, and Mercer County Prosecutor's Office were deployed. Tracking K-9 units from the Mercer County Sheriff's Office, West Windsor Police, and the New Jersey State Police also assisted in the search.

An alert member of the Springside at Robbinsville Neighborhood Watch Group reported that he observed the suspect in the backyard of one of the residences. At approximately 10:24 a.m., the accused was located and apprehended without incident in the rear yard of a residence on Thomas Drive. The accused was transported to the Robbinsville Police Department for processing and will be transported to the Mercer County Correctional Facility.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all responding agencies for their immediate action, coordination, and support in bringing this potentially dangerous situation to a safe resolution.

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