



BCPO News



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Two Willingboro Men Charged with Illegal Handgun Possession

Burlington County Prosecutor LaChia L. Bradshaw and Willingboro Township Acting Public Safety Director Captain Ian S. Bucs announced that two men who share a house in the Hawthorne Park section of Willingboro were arrested Wednesday and charged with illegally possessing handguns.

Brandon T. Russell, 20, was charged with Unlawful Possession of a Weapon (Second Degree), Receiving Stolen Property (Third Degree) and Possession of Prohibited Weapons (Fourth Degree).

Zhamar Duncan, 21, was charged with Unlawful Possession of a Weapon (Second Degree).

Russell was taken into custody at the residence in the first block of Haskell Lane, where a .40 caliber handgun, hollow point bullets and an extended ammunition magazine were discovered during the execution of a search warrant. The handgun was found to be stolen out of North Carolina.

Duncan was arrested in Burlington Township with a loaded 9 mm handgun in his possession. The defendants were lodged in the Burlington County Jail in Mount Holly pending detention hearings next week in Superior Court.

The investigation was conducted by the Willingboro Township Police Department and the Prosecutor's Office Gang, Gun and Narcotics Task Force. The lead investigators are WTPD Detective James Benedict and BCPO Detective Steve Laramie. Multiple agencies assisted, including the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and U.S. Homeland Security Investigations – Cherry Hill Office.

"These arrests demonstrate the determination by law enforcement agencies to work cooperatively to attack gun violence and create safer neighborhoods for our residents," Prosecutor Bradshaw said. "This will remain a top priority in Burlington County."

All persons are considered innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

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