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Defendant Indicted on Aggravated Assault, Threats, Weapons and CDS Charges

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WAYNE, NEW JERSEY:

Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes announces that the Grand Jury of Passaic County has indicted Matthew L. Eller of Wayne on charges of Possession of a Weapon for Unlawful Purpose in the Second Degree, Unlawful Possession of an Assault Firearm, a Loaded Weapon and a Shotgun-all in the Third Degree, Terroristic Threats in the Third Degree, Criminal Restraint in the Third Degree, Criminal Mischief in the Fourth Degree, Aggravated Assault in both the Third and Fourth Degree and Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance in the Third Degree. These charges stem from an incident during which the defendant allegedly pointed a loaded 9mm semi automatic handgun at his wife and threatened to shoot her. The wife and her two minor children were able to flee to safety where she reported the incident to Wayne Police Department.

Matthew Eller was arrested by the Wayne Police Department on November 17, 2009, at his Wayne home after a two hour standoff with police during which the defendant had barricaded himself in the home with the loaded firearm. Once the defendant finally surrendered to Wayne Police, a search warrant was executed and the defendant was found to be in possession of a loaded, 9mm handgun, three other loaded firearms and ammunition-which included an assault firearm with a clip containing thirty rounds, as well as heroin and other drug paraphernalia. Wayne police officers also discovered various threats written on the walls inside the home, along with two knives, a pair of scissors and a live round embedded in the walls.

The defendant is currently being held in Passaic County Jail on \$100,000 bail with no contact allowed with the alleged victim. The defendant will be arraigned March 29, 2010 before the Honorable Marilyn C. Clark, Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division. The matter will be prosecuted by the Passaic County Prosecutor's Domestic Violence Unit.