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GUILTY VERDICT IN RESISTING ARREST AND HINDERING APPREHENSION CASE

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Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes announces that on April 14, 2010, in the matter of State of New Jersey v. Marquis Moses, Indictment number 08-07-0999, a jury found Defendant Marquis Moses guilty of resisting arrest by flight in the fourth degree, resisting arrest by force or threat of force in the third degree, and hindering apprehension by providing false information to a law enforcement officer in the fourth degree. The jury found defendant not guilty of aggravated assault upon a law enforcement officer in the fourth degree, unlawful possession of a handgun, in the second degree, and possession of a large capacity ammunition magazine in the fourth degree. The case was tried before the Honorable Marilyn C. Clark, P.J. Cr.

The case involved a police pursuit on April 3, 2008 of a gray Chevrolet Impala which was being operated at a very high rate of speed with its headlamps out, beginning in the City of Passaic and ending at the T-intersection of Martin Avenue and Liberty Street in the City of Clifton. Passaic Police Sergeant Ricky Rivera, observed that defendant exited from the passenger side of the Impala, wearing a gray sweat suit with gray knitted cap and carrying what appeared to be a small black handgun. Defendant disregarded commands from Sergeant Rivera to stop and fled on foot through several neighboring backyards. Sergeant Rivera and other

assisting police officers from the Cities of Passaic and Clifton, the Passaic County Sheriff's Department and the New Jersey State Police responded to the area of 156 Huron Avenue in the City of Clifton. Several police officers pursued defendant onto the rooftop to 156 Huron Avenue, and commanded defendant to stop but defendant did not. Defendant physically resisted arrest. When defendant was arrested, Sergeant Rivera positively identified him as the male who he observed flee from the Impala carrying what appeared to be a black handgun. During a search of the rooftop, the police recovered a loaded Glock 9 mm handgun with an extended magazine underneath a large air conditioning vent. Assistant Prosecutor Peter M. Roby led the prosecution for the state. Joel M. Harris, Esq., of Morristown, New Jersey represented defendant. The defendant faces a maximum State prison sentence of five years on the third degree crime and a possible consecutive sentence of 18 months on the hindering apprehension charge. Defendant is scheduled for sentencing on May 7, 2010 before Judge Clark.