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NEPTUNE TOWNSHIP MAN ARRESTED ON KIDNAPPING, AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ASSAULT, TERRORISTIC THREAT CHARGES

On July 15, 2010, Detectives from the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office and the Wall Township Police Department arrested Nelson Villanueva, 22, of Neptune Township, N.J. Villanueva is charged with first degree Kidnapping, first degree Aggravated Sexual Assault, and third degree Terroristic Threats.

The charges result from a joint investigation which was conducted by the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office and the Wall Township Police Department. The Asbury Park Police Department also assisted in the investigation.

The joint investigation was commenced on July 15, 2010, when a 25 year old Neptune Township woman went to the Wall Township Police Department headquarters and reported that she had been physically and sexually assaulted at a Wall Township motel and a location in Asbury Park the preceding evening. The woman identified her assailant as Villanueva.

Monmouth County Superior Court Judge Jamie S. Perri set bail for Villanueva on these charges at \$1,000,000 "cash only." A condition of Villanueva's bail is that he avoid having any contact with the victim. Villanueva has been lodged at the Monmouth County Correctional Institution in lieu of bail.

If convicted of first degree Kidnapping, Villanueva faces a maximum potential custodial sentence of a State Prison term of up to 30 years. If convicted of first degree Aggravated Sexual Assault, Villanueva faces a maximum potential custodial sentence of a State Prison term of up to 20 years. If convicted of third degree Terroristic Threats,

Villanueva faces a maximum potential custodial sentence of a State Prison term of up to five years.

The crimes of Kidnapping and Aggravated Sexual Assault are subject to the No Early Release Act, which means that upon conviction Villanueva would be required to serve 85% of any custodial sentence imposed for those crimes before becoming eligible for release on parole. The crime of Aggravated Sexual Assault is subject to the registration requirements of Megan's law as well as Parole Supervision for Life.

Despite these charges, every defendant is presumed innocent, unless and until found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, following a trial at which the defendant has all of the trial rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and State law.

The case is assigned to Assistant Monmouth County Prosecutor Laurie B. Gerhardt. Defense counsel has not yet entered an appearance with the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office on behalf of Villanueva on these charges.

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