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CARTERET MAN ARRESTED FOR DWI AND POSSESSION OF A LOADED FIREARM SUBSEQUENT TO TRAFFIC STOP

WESTFIELD – JUNE 28, 2021 – Westfield Police Chief Christopher Battiloro has announced the arrest of Chealsy A. Castillo, age 26, of Carteret, for driving while intoxicated (DWI) and possession of a loaded firearm, following a traffic stop for speeding on the 1300 block of Central Avenue on Saturday, June 26, 2021, at approximately 0414 hours.

Officer Joseph Natale stopped Castillo, who was operating a 2019 Honda CRV, and immediately determined he appeared to be under the influence of alcohol. Pursuant to a further investigation conducted by Officer Natale, Castillo was placed under arrest for DWI, 39:4-50.

Castillo was searched subsequent to his arrest and found to have three (3) 9mm rounds of ammunition on his person. Furthermore, while assisting Officer Natale with the impoundment of Castillo's vehicle, Officer Michael DiBella observed a black magazine in plain view inside of his vehicle. It was determined to be loaded with four (4) rounds of 9mm ammunition. Also located in Castillo's vehicle was a black and silver 9mm handgun. It was determined to be loaded with a 9mm round of ammunition in its chamber.

Castillo was transported to the Westfield Police Department, where he was processed and charged with numerous traffic violations in addition to DWI, which included Refusal to Submit to Test, 39:4-50.4a, and Driving When License Suspended, 39:3-40.

Castillo was also charged with Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, 2C: 39-5b(1), a second degree crime, and later by Detectives with Certain Persons Not to Have Weapons or Ammunition, 2C:39-7b(1), also a second degree crime. He was transported to the Essex County Jail in Newark, where he will be held pending a detention hearing.

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