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On May 16th, 2025, at approximately 8:24 AM, members of the Guttenberg Police Department's Patrol Division were informed by a concerned individual that a male appeared to be asleep behind the wheel of his vehicle on Hudson Avenue. Moments later, Police Officer Camille Calupad, Special Law Enforcement Officer Class II Valerie Manzano, and Sergeant Emilio Barroso located the vehicle. Upon their arrival, they observed the vehicle was angled into the roadway with the transmission in reverse and observed the driver asleep. After waking the driver, officers also observed the male driver bleeding heavily from his finger. At this point, officers requested the assistance of North Bergen's Emergency Medical Services. Upon EMS arrival, the male was asked to exit his vehicle so that the EMS personnel could provide him with care. During the medical evaluation, Police Officer Calupad observed the grip/handle portion of a handgun, with a jacket wrapped around it, in plain view on the front seat in the vehicle. The male did not possess a concealed carry permit or a firearms identification card. The handgun recovered was confirmed to be a fully loaded Smith & Wesson M&P 22 Compact, chambered in 22 caliber bullets. While clearing the weapon and making it safe, officers also discovered that the handgun magazine contained one (1) 22 caliber hollow point bullet and 8 lead round nose bullets. At that time, officers arrested 33-year-old Jeferson Marte-Peralta of West New York, NJ, for unlawful possession of a weapon [2C:29-5B(1)], possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose [2C:39-4A(1)], and prohibited weapons and devices (hollow point ammunition) [2C:39-3F(1)].

During a subsequent search of Mr. Marte-Peralta's person and his vehicle, officers found 44 grams of a white powdery substance believed to be cocaine, 16 grams of a pink powdery substance believed to be cocaine (commonly referred to as "Tusi" and/or "2C-B"), 89 Oxycodone prescription pills, 47 Alprazolam prescription pills in varying colors and stamps, 1 Meloxicam prescription pill, 5 different cell phones, \$3,791.70 of suspected

