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Highest Charge: **Second Degree Unlawful Possession of a Handgun**
Sentence: **3 Years of New Jersey State Prison**
Defendant: **Andrew J. Deleon, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Age 32)**

Sussex County Prosecutor Daniel M. Perez announced the sentencing of Andrew J. Deleon of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on Unlawful Possession of a Handgun charges. On February 6, 2024, the New Jersey State Police responded to domestic disturbance incident in Sussex Borough. State Troopers found the defendant to be in possession of a handgun while out in public and the defendant did not possess a valid New Jersey permit to carry a handgun. Andrew Deleon was charged on a criminal Complaint with the following criminal offense:

1. Unlawful Possession of a Handgun, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5b(1), a Crime of the Second Degree.

Andrew Deleon pled guilty to an Accusation charging him with Second Degree Unlawful Possession of a Handgun on June 4, 2024. During his guilty plea, Deleon admitted to possessing a handgun while out on a public street without having a valid New Jersey Permit to Carry a Handgun.

On September 9, 2026, in Superior Court in Newton, New Jersey, Hon. Stuart A. Minkowitz, A.J.S.C., sentenced Andrew Deleon to 3 years of New Jersey State Prison with a 1-year period of parole ineligibility. Deleon was credited with having served 132 days in the Morris County Jail and he was ordered to submit a DNA sample and pay $155 in court costs and fines.

The Defendant was represented by Matthew W. Young, Esq., and the State was represented by Sussex County Deputy First Assistant Prosecutor Jerome P. Neidhardt.