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**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY,**  
**PENNSYLVANIA**  
**CRIMINAL DIVISION**

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

C-48-CR-2873-2019

VS.

TRICIA MEZZACAPPA

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NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PA

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**COMMONWEALTH'S MOTION FOR AMENDMENT OF BAIL**

AND NOW COMES the Commonwealth, by and through Assistant District Attorney Abigail Bellafatto, and respectfully brings a motion for amendment of bail in the above listed matter. In support of this motion Commonwealth avers the following:

1. That Defendant was convicted of False Reports as a Misdemeanor of the third degree on March 9, 2021. Her sentencing was set by the Court for April 21, 2021.
2. That on or about March 18, 2021, State Police Kutztown were contacted by a private citizen in relation to the above listed matter.
3. That this person reported that he had spent time with the Defendant and that she had made statements to him, during which time she made a series of statements regarding her intentions in the above listed matter. Defendant indicated that she had no intention of appearing for her sentencing on April 21, 2021. She also stated that she was either going to "escape court or not go and wait in her basement for the PSP or Constables to show up and pick them off one at a time".

4. That the Defendant has provided this person an envelope with instructions that it not be opened unless something were to happen to her.
5. That this person reported that they had opened the envelope and discovered a document entitled "Last Will and Testament of Tricia Mezzacappa" and dated March 15, 2021. A copy of said document was made by the State Police and attached hereto as "Exhibit A".
6. That this envelope also contained a handwritten document containing a list of bank accounts, passwords and pin numbers purported of the Defendant. This document has also been copied by the State Police and is available for the Court's review, however will not be attached to this motion due to the nature of the information contained.
7. A PaCIC report was issued by the State Police in relation to this incident warning law enforcement that Defendant should be considered "Armed and Dangerous". See, "Exhibit B".
8. That the Commonwealth has reason to believe that the Defendant is currently in possession of various firearms.
9. The removal of said firearms was never made a condition of her bail.
10. That based upon these actions and statements, the Defendant poses a significant risk to herself and to the community and should be required by the Court to surrender any all firearms within her possession.
11. That based upon the information available immediate and irreparable injury will be sustained if relief is denied.

Under the rule governing such matters, the Court has the authority to modify a bail order after verdict upon the Judge's own motion or upon motion of counsel for either party with notice to opposing counsel, in open court on the record when all parties are present. Pa. R.

Crim. Pro 521(D)(1). Further, the decision to change the type of release on bail or what conditions of release to impose shall be based on the judge's evaluation of the information about the Defendant as it relates to criteria under Rule 523. The Judge shall also consider whether there is an increased likelihood of the defendant's fleeing the jurisdiction or whether the defendant is a danger to any other person, or to the community or to herself. Pa. R. Crim. Pro. 521(D)(2). Further, under Local Rule N208.3, three business days are required for notice to relevant parties in relation to motions filed with the Court. The rule provides, however, that compliance with the time requirements may be excused by the motions judge if it appears that reasonable notice has been attempted or given, and immediate and irreparable injury will be sustained if relief is denied.

For the foregoing reasons, the Commonwealth is requesting the Court amend bail in the following manner:

1. That the Court require the surrender of all firearms during the course of Defendant's Pretrial Supervision pending her sentencing date.
2. That the Defendant be precluded from the possession of any firearms pending her sentencing date.
3. That the Defendant comply with all provisions of her current bail and pre-sentence requirements, including her psychological evaluation.
4. That the Court impose a no contact provision with the witness, who remains unidentified in this document for their own protection.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Abigail Bellafatto*

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**Issued For: Tricia J. Mezzacappa**

OTN: U 712445-6      SID: 423-87-32-1  
Date Citation/Complaint Filed: 05/28/2019  
NCIC OFF:  
Warrant ID: CPCMS703209833

Citation/Complaint No: 19179253  
Docket No: CP-48-CR-0002873-2019  
**Warrant Control No: 48-BW-0000436-2021**  
**Manual Control No:**

Charging Officer: Drew M. Hoffman, PSP - Belfast  
Lead Offense: 18 § 4906 §§ B1 False Reports - Reported Offense Did Not Occur (Guilty)

AND NOW, this 23rd day of March, 2021, the Sheriff of Northampton County, or any other police officer, is hereby ORDERED to convey and deliver Tricia J. Mezzacappa, residing at 817 Ridge St West Easton, PA 18042, into the custody of the Court of Common Pleas of Northampton County, at Northampton County Government Center 669 Washington Street Easton, PA 18042 for a hearing. If the Court is unavailable, the individual may be held in the County Jail until the Court is opened for business, at which time the individual shall be promptly conveyed and delivered into the custody of the Court.

The authority in charge of the County Jail in which the party is incarcerated promptly shall notify the sheriff's office and the Court that the individual is being held pursuant to the bench warrant.

This warrant is issued because Safety threats to Law Enforcement.

BY THE COURT:

*March 24, 2021*

Date

*[Signature]*  
Judge Stephen G. Baratta



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Tricia J. Mezzacappa



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**TRICIA MEZZACAPPA,**

**Defendant.**

**ORDER OF COURT**



**AND NOW**, this 23rd day of March, 2021, pursuant to Pennsylvania Rule of Criminal Procedure 536(a)(1)(b), it is hereby **ORDERED** that a bench warrant and body attachment order is issued for the arrest of the defendant for safety threats to law enforcement. It is further ordered that as soon as practicable that a hearing be conducted before this court to address the Commonwealth's emergency petition.

**BY THE COURT:**

