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Mercer County Narcotics Task Force Seizes Heroin, Marijuana and Cash

HAMILTON -- Mercer County Prosecutor Joseph L. Bocchini Jr. reported that the Mercer County Narcotics Task Force, under the command of Lt. Mike Novembre, concluded an investigation on Tuesday with one arrest, and the seizure of \$6,590 in narcotics and \$4,066 in cash.

At approximately 3:40 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1, task force officers executed a motor vehicle stop on Highland Avenue in Trenton. Search warrants for the Chevrolet Monte Carlo were executed and the operator, Darius Beckett, was detained without incident. Search warrants were also executed at Beckett's residence in the 1600 block of East State Street in Hamilton. A search of the vehicle revealed packaging material. A search of the apartment revealed 643 decks of heroin, 16 grams of marijuana and \$3,003 in a shoebox in a second floor bedroom. Officers also discovered two digital scales in the living room.

Beckett, 24, is charged with multiple counts of drug possession and possession with the intent to distribute. He is also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. He is being held at the Mercer County Correction Center in lieu of \$100,000 bail.

Officers with the prosecutor's office, the county sheriff's office, and the Ewing, Hamilton, Lawrence and Trenton police conducted the investigation and made the arrest.

Novembre said the estimated street value of the heroin is \$6,430 and the estimated street value of the marijuana is \$160. Cash totaling \$1,063 was found on Beckett.

Despite having been charged, every defendant is presumed innocent until found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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