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Trenton Man Arrested, Crack and Marijuana Seized

TRENTON -- Mercer County Prosecutor Joseph L. Bocchini Jr. and Trenton Police Director Ernest Parrey reported that the Mercer County Narcotics Task Force concluded a four-month investigation on Monday with one arrest and the seizure of \$8,880 in narcotics.

At approximately 7:25 p.m. on August 4, 2014, during a surveillance, members of the narcotics task force conducted a motor vehicle stop at Homan and Maple avenues in Trenton. The driver and target of the investigation, Mark Anthony Forney, was detained along with his female passenger without incident. Task force officers then executed search warrants at Forney's residence, 62 West End Avenue. A search of the premises revealed approximately 84 grams of crack cocaine, approximately 48 grams of marijuana, digital scales and baggies in the kitchen cabinets. Cash totaling \$8,034 was found in the front second floor bedroom and a 25/06 rifle with a scope was located in the basement.

Forney, age 56, is charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance, possession with the intent to distribute, possession with the intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of a school, possession with the intent to distribute within 500 feet of a park, possession of marijuana under 50 grams, possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute, certain persons not to possess a firearm and possession of drug paraphernalia. A search of Forney revealed \$1,004. He is currently lodged at the Trenton Police Department pending bail and future court proceedings.

Officers with the prosecutor's office, the county sheriff's office, the Hamilton, Lawrence, Robbinsville and Trenton police, the New Jersey State Police, the DEA, the FBI and ICE, under the command of Lt. Mike Novembre, conducted the investigation and made the arrest. Novembre said the estimated street value of the seized crack cocaine is \$8,400 and the marijuana is \$480.

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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