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**Mercer County Narcotics Task Force Arrests Three,  
Seizes Drugs, Cash and a Handgun**

**TRENTON** -- Mercer County Prosecutor Joseph L. Bocchini Jr. and Trenton Police Director Ralph Rivera reported the Mercer County Narcotics Task Force concluded a month-long investigation last week with the seizure of marijuana, heroin, crack cocaine, cash and a handgun.

Bocchini stated that at approximately 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 6, officers with the prosecutor's office, the county sheriff's office, the New Jersey State Police TEAMS Unit, and the Ewing, Hamilton, Lawrence and Trenton police, under the command of Lt. Mike Novembre, executed search warrants at the residence of the investigation's target, Andre Tillery, 53 Hudson Street, first floor apartment, Trenton. Tillery was located in the living room of his residence and taken into custody without incident, along with Jean Carlo Hernandez and Juan DeJesus.

A search of the residence revealed a fully-loaded .380 caliber handgun and 40 grams of marijuana packaged for sale in the kitchen. A search of the rear bedroom revealed eight decks of heroin, one gram of crack cocaine, a digital scale and \$1,936.

Novembre said the estimated street value of the seized narcotics totals approximately \$580.

Tillery AKA Andre McCord, age 26; Hernandez, age 21, of Churchill Avenue, Hamilton; and DeJesus, age 22, of Quinton Avenue, Trenton, were each charged with charged with multiple counts of drug possession and possession with the intent to distribute, one count of possession of a weapon while committing a narcotics offense and possession of drug paraphernalia. Tillery was additionally charged with certain persons not to possess a weapon.

Tillery's bail was set at \$150,000; bail was set for Hernandez and DeJesus at \$100,000 each. All three men are being held at the Mercer County Correction Center.

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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