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Mercer County SIU Arrests Trenton Man, Seizes \$16,000 in Crack Cocaine

TRENTON -- Mercer County Prosecutor Joseph L. Bocchini Jr. announced that the Mercer County Special Investigations Unit (SIU) concluded a month-long investigation last week with one arrest and the seizure of more than \$16,000 in crack cocaine.

Bocchini stated that at approximately 3:15 p.m. on Thursday, January 30, search warrants were executed at the Mellon Street apartment of Donald Jackson. In a box on top of a kitchen cabinet, officers located 144 grams of crack cocaine and plastic baggies. A digital scale was found in a kitchen drawer, and two plastic bags containing marijuana were found in a bedroom dresser drawer.

A search of Jackson's 2008 Chevy Impala revealed 17 grams of crack cocaine, a digital scale and a fully-loaded, defaced .45 caliber semi-automatic handgun hidden between the dashboard and the center console. The vehicle was seized as drug proceeds.

Jackson was taken into custody and a search of his person revealed \$211. He is charged with possession of a defaced firearm, possession of a weapon while committing a narcotics offense, certain persons not to possess a weapon, possession of drug paraphernalia, and multiple counts of drug possession and possession with the intent to distribute. Jackson is being held at the Mercer County Correction Center in lieu of \$250,000 bail.

Officers with the prosecutor's office, the county sheriff's office, and the Ewing, Hamilton and Trenton police, under the command of Lt. Mike Novembre, conducted the investigation and made the arrest. Novembre said the estimated street value of the cocaine is \$16,100.

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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