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### **Mercer County Narcotics Task Force Seizes Three Guns and \$29,700 in Drugs**

**TRENTON** – Acting Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri and Trenton Police Director Ernest Parrey Jr. reported the Mercer County Narcotics Task Force concluded a two-week investigation with one arrest and the seizure of \$29,700 in narcotics and three guns.

The investigation revealed that Mark Forney was utilizing an abandoned property on West End Avenue to conceal narcotics as well as distribute them. Onofri stated that at approximately 5:20 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, officers with the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office, the Mercer County Sheriff's Office, the New Jersey State Police, and the Hamilton, Lawrence and Trenton police, under the command of Lt. Mike Novembre, executed search warrants at two residences on West End Avenue.

Forney was taken into custody and detained at his residence at 62 West End Avenue. A search of the premises revealed a total of \$6,690 stashed in different locations. Two plastic bags containing a small amount of marijuana were located in the kitchen hutch and one small bag of marijuana was discovered in a second floor bedroom.

No one was located in the abandoned property at 72 West End Avenue. A search of the residence revealed the following in the kitchen area: approximately 153 grams of crack cocaine, two pounds of marijuana, seven ounces of phencyclidine (PCP), packaging material (empty glass vials for distribution of PCP, cigarettes, digital scales and baggies) and boxes of various caliber ammunition. A loaded Glock 9mm handgun, a loaded .45 caliber handgun, a loaded, defaced .357 caliber Magnum revolver and a box of .45 caliber ammunition were located in the ceiling of the rear mudroom.

A search of Forney revealed approximately three grams of crack cocaine and nine dollars.

Two vehicles, a 2003 Mercury Mountaineer and a 2002 Mercedes Benz, were seized as drug proceeds.

Novembre said the estimated street value of the seized crack cocaine is approximately \$15,300; the approximate value of the PCP is \$8,400; and the value of the marijuana is approximately \$6,000.

Forney, age 57, is charged with two counts of possession of a controlled dangerous substance, three counts of possession with the intent to distribute, three counts of possession with the intent to distribute within 500 feet of a park, three counts of possession with the intent to distribute within 1000 feet of a school, possession of marijuana over 50 grams, possession of a defaced firearm, possession of a firearm while committing a narcotics offense, certain persons not to possess a weapon and possession of drug paraphernalia. His bail was set at \$150,000 cash only.

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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