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Mercer County Narcotics Task Force Arrests Three, Seizes Ecstasy, Marijuana and Guns

TRENTON – Acting Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri and Trenton Police Director Ernest Parrey Jr. reported the Mercer County Narcotics Task Force concluded a three-month investigation yesterday with three arrests and the seizure of ecstasy, marijuana and two guns.

Onofri stated that at approximately 3:50 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, officers with the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office, the Mercer County Sheriff's Office, the New Jersey State Police, the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office, and the Hamilton, Lawrence, Trenton and Bordentown Township police, under the command of Lt. Mike Novembre, executed search warrants at an apartment in Bordentown and multiple locations in Trenton.

The target of the investigation, Alexander Green of Bordentown, was secured outside of 52 Poplar Street. A search of Green revealed \$807. Searches were then conducted of the following premises in connection with the investigation:

36 Poplar Street. Approximately 106 grams of ecstasy, two ounces of marijuana, a .380 caliber semi-automatic handgun, a defaced .38 Special revolver and a black ski mask were located in the oven. Two bags of ecstasy were located in a drawer in the kitchen area and a .45 caliber magazine with bullets was found on top of a cabinet.

45 Poplar Street. Two ounces of marijuana, a digital scale and baggies were discovered in this abandoned property.

42 Poplar Street. Nothing seized.

272 Ward Avenue, Apartment 9J, Bordentown. Cash totaling \$1,880 was seized.

43 Poplar Street. Dawud Joyner and Richelle Ayers were located inside and detained without incident. A small bag of marijuana was found in the living room and a small crocodile was discovered in the basement. Animal control was contacted and removed the reptile. Joyner, age 34, of Hamilton, and Ayers, age 35, who resides at the Poplar Street address, were both found to have active warrants. Both are charged with possession of marijuana under 50 grams.

A 2004 Pontiac Grand Prix was also seized as drug proceeds.

Novembre said the estimated street value of the seized ecstasy is approximately \$3,180. The value of the marijuana is approximately \$750.

Green, age 35, is charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance, two counts of possession with the intent to distribute, two counts of possession with the intent to distribute within 500 feet of a park, possession of marijuana under 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 or bond.

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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