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**County Narcotics Task Force Arrests Two, Seizes \$5,800 in Cash
in Sports Betting Investigation**

HAMILTON -- Mercer County Prosecutor Joseph L. Bocchini Jr. announced that a month-long investigation into illegal sports betting led by his Special Investigations Unit (SIU), under the command of Lt. Mike Novembre, concluded yesterday with two arrests and the seizure of \$5,800 in cash.

Bocchini stated that his office was contacted in early January by Hamilton Township officials because of numerous citizen complaints about gambling at the Caribbean Fried Chicken Convenience Deli, 1781 East State Street, Hamilton. An investigation ensued and on Monday, at about 10 a.m., officers with SIU, the county Sheriff's Office, and the Ewing, Hamilton, Lawrence and Trenton police departments entered the deli and executed search warrants.

The owner of the deli, 45-year-old Miguel Azcona of Centre Street, Trenton, was located behind the register and taken into custody without incident. A search of Azcano revealed a fully-loaded 9mm handgun, \$127 in cash, and numerous gambling slips and records. During a search of the deli, a total of \$3,682 was found along with a laptop computer attached to a receipt printer for gambling purposes, a camera system with a monitor, several thousand bags used to package narcotics and a fully-loaded .38 caliber revolver.

Officers also executed search warrants at Azcona's Centre Street residence. In the living room, officers located several gambling receipts, computer equipment, two receipt printers used for maintaining a gambling resort and identification in the name of Yinett Dominguez. Betting receipts and computers were found throughout the residence, and \$2,000 was found in a jacket in Azcano's bedroom.

Yinett Dominguez, 28, who rents a room from Azcano, was subsequently detained in the Trenton area on Olden Avenue. Both Azcona and Dominguez were charged with maintaining a gambling resort and possession of gambling records. Azcona was additionally charged with possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to distribute. They were both processed and released on summonses pending court proceedings.

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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