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Two Arrested for Prostitution in Hamilton Township

Acting Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri and Hamilton Township Chief of Police James W. Collins reported that the Mercer County Narcotics Task Force concluded an undercover investigation last week into houses of prostitution in Hamilton Township. The investigation, which was initiated as a result of concerned citizens, resulted in two arrests and the seizure of \$4,329.

Officers with the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office, the Mercer County Sheriff's Office, the Hamilton and Trenton police departments, the New Jersey State Police and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), under the command of Sgt. James Francis, conducted the investigation and made the arrests on March 9.

During the course of the investigation, undercover officers were solicited for sex by women working at the establishments. On Wednesday, March 9, at approximately 5:45 p.m., officers executed search warrants at New Spa, 2531 Nottingham Way. Dong Zhang, age 51, of Hamilton, was arrested and charged with engaging in prostitution. A search of the establishment revealed \$3,684 in cash.

Officers also executed search warrants at Blue Spa, 2382 Whitehorse-Mercerville Road. Honglian Zhang, age 51, of Little Neck, NY, was arrested and charged with engaging in prostitution. A search of the establishment revealed \$645 in cash.

Engaging in prostitution is a disorderly persons offense. Both women were released pending future court appearances.

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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