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PRINCETON MAN ARRESTED WITH A VARIETY OF DRUGS

PRINCETON -- A student who showed up yesterday at the Frist Campus Center mailroom at Princeton University to pick up parcels found himself under arrest by the Mercer County Narcotics Task Force, Mercer County Prosecutor Joseph L. Bocchini Jr. reported.

Bocchini stated that during the middle of December, agents with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/U.S. Customs and Border Protection intercepted a package from overseas containing approximately seven grams of ecstasy addressed to Julian Edgren at Princeton University. Princeton University's Department of Public Safety was contacted and, in turn, reached out to the Mercer County Narcotics Task Force for assistance.

Task force officers were assigned as surveillance inside and outside Frist Campus Center in an attempt to detain any individual who retrieved the parcel. On Tuesday, January 6, at approximately 4 p.m., officers arrested Edgren after he signed for and retrieved the package containing the ecstasy as well as two additional packages. Subsequent search warrants were executed on one of the additional parcels and Edgren's dormitory room in Edwards Hall. A quantity of psilocybin, commonly known as mushrooms, was found in the additional package. A search of Edgren's room revealed an additional quantity of psilocybin, 31 marijuana cookies, and assorted drug paraphernalia.

At the time Edgren was detained, he was carrying a duffel bag containing approximately half an ounce of liquid LSD, 55 grams of marijuana, five grams of hashish, 60 Adderall pills, a laptop computer, two digital scales and \$400 in cash.

Edgren (DOB 5.3.94), a Princeton resident, is charged with five counts of possession of a controlled dangerous substance, five counts of possession of a controlled dangerous substance with the intent to distribute, one count of possession of a prescription legend drug, one count of a prescription legend drug with the intent to distribute and one count of possession of drug paraphernalia. He is free on \$25,000 bail.

Officers with the prosecutor's office, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the Princeton University Department of Public Safety, the county sheriff's office, the New Jersey State Police, and the Hamilton, Lawrence, Princeton and Trenton police, under the command of Lt. Mike Novembre, assisted in the investigation.

Novembre stated that the approximate street value of the seized drugs is \$400 for the psilocybin totaling 40 grams; \$420 for the Adderall pills; \$1,100 for the marijuana; \$500 for the LSD; \$280 for the ecstasy; and \$175 for the hashish.

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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