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**Hamilton Man Arrested, Marijuana Seized**

**HAMILTON** -- Mercer County Prosecutor Joseph L. Bocchini Jr. and Hamilton Police Chief James W. Collins reported that the Mercer County Narcotics Task Force concluded an investigation last month with the arrest of Dante Piccolella and the seizure of almost \$2,000 in marijuana.

At approximately 10:50 a.m. on May 14, 2014, members of the narcotics task force executed search warrants at Piccolella's residence in the 2000 block of Klockner Road, Hamilton. Piccolella was located in the residence and detained without incident. A search revealed approximately 96 grams of marijuana in his bedroom along with \$345 and a digital scale. Cash totaling \$5,030 was found hidden in a toy container in the basement.

Piccolella, age 20, is charged with possession of marijuana, possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released pending future court proceedings.

Officers with the prosecutor's office, the Hamilton Police Division, the county sheriff's office, and the Ewing, Lawrence and Trenton police, under the command of Lt. Mike Novembre, conducted the investigation and made the arrest. Novembre said the estimated street value of the seized marijuana is \$1,920.

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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