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Mercer County Narcotics Task Force Seizes \$3,600 in Drugs

HAMILTON – Acting Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri and Hamilton Police Chief James W. Collins reported the Mercer County Narcotics Task Force concluded an investigation last week with \$3,600 in narcotics.

Onofri stated that at approximately 5:40 p.m. on Thursday, June 18, officers with the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office, the Mercer County Sheriff's Office, the New Jersey State Police, and the Hamilton, Lawrence and Trenton police, under the command of Lt. Mike Novembre, executed search warrants at 148 Weston Avenue.

The target of the investigation, Edwin Lewandowski, was located in his residence and detained without incident. As officers secured the residence, Lewandowski's daughter, Alexis, arrived home and was also detained. A search of the premises revealed two grams of marijuana, 11 suboxone tablets and packaging material in Edwin's bedroom. Approximately 15 grams of marijuana and drug paraphernalia were located in Alexis' bedroom. Eighteen oxycodone pills were also found throughout the residence.

A search of Edwin Lewandowski revealed 90 oxycodone pills, six suboxone tablets, two Vicodin pills and \$1,439. A 2003 Ford Explorer was seized as drug proceeds.

Novembre said the estimated street value of the seized oxycodone is approximately \$3,240; the approximate value of the Vicodin is \$20; the approximate value of the suboxone is \$170; and the value of the marijuana is approximately \$170.

Edwin Lewandowski, age 43, is charged with four counts of possession of a controlled dangerous substance, one count of possession with the intent to distribute, one count of possession of marijuana under 50 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Alexis Lewandowski, age 18, is charged with possession of marijuana under 50 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia. Both were released pending future 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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