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Mercer County Narcotics Task Force Arrests Three, Seizes Drugs, Guns and Cash

TRENTON – Acting Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri reported the Mercer County Narcotics Task Force concluded a four-month investigation this week with three arrests and the seizure of more than \$30,000 in narcotics, three guns and more than \$20,000 in cash.

Onofri stated that at approximately 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2, officers with the Mercer County Narcotics Task Force and assisting agencies, under the command of Lt. Mike Novembre, executed search warrants at multiple locations in Trenton, Ewing and Levittown, Pa. The warrants were executed after officers conducted a motor vehicle stop on the target of the investigation, Ricardo Moise, at the corner of Lincoln and North Clinton avenues in Trenton. A search of Moise revealed \$1,485. Searches were then conducted of the following premises in connection with the investigation:

320 Ardmore Avenue, Trenton. A search of the rear garage revealed approximately six ounces of marijuana, six bricks and one bundle of heroin stamped “Blue Flame” and Imperio,” numerous empty glassine bags, a digital scale, two dirt bikes and two quads. Kenneth Veal was detained as he departed the area in a 2007 black Audi Q7 for which officers had a warrant to search. A search of Veal revealed \$727.

88 Evans Avenue, Trenton. A bottle of promethazine was located in the dining room closet and \$2,407 in a second floor bedroom. Troy Singletary was taken into custody.

43 Western Avenue, Apartment 4, Ewing. (Moise’s residence) Cash totaling \$19,243 was located in the bedroom belonging to Moise.

1970 Veterans Highway, Apartment K29, Levittown, Pa. A stolen 9mm Beretta handgun was located in the bedroom.

A search of the 2006 silver Dodge Magnum that Moise was operating revealed a hidden trap in the center console. Inside were 53 bricks (2,650 decks) of heroin stamped "True Blood," "Combat" and "Taliban." An additional eight decks of heroin stamped "Magic Dust" and "Red Rum" were also seized. Further search of the trap revealed a loaded Smith & Wesson revolver that was defaced, a loaded .40 caliber Smith & Wesson semi-automatic handgun found to be stolen, a large capacity magazine containing 24 .40 caliber bullets and \$1,000. The vehicle was seized as drug proceeds.

The 2007 Audi Q7 being driven by Veal was seized as drug proceeds.

A 2006 black Jeep Cherokee connected to the investigation was located by task force officers on Wednesday, June 4, in the south Trenton area. The vehicle was secured and seized as drug proceeds.

Novembre said the estimated street value of the seized heroin is approximately \$29,680; the promethazine is estimated at \$500; and the value of the marijuana is approximately \$1,680.

Moise, age 26, is charged with two counts of possession of a controlled dangerous substance, three counts of possession with the intent to distribute, two counts of possession with the intent to distribute within 500 feet of a park, three counts of possession with the intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of a school, possession of marijuana over 50 grams, two counts of possession of a defaced firearm, two counts of possession of a firearm while committing a narcotics offense, certain persons not to possess a weapon, unlawful possession of hollow-point bullets, unlawful possession of a high-capacity magazine and possession of drug paraphernalia. His bail was set at \$200,000 cash or bond.

Veal, age 26, of Ardmore Avenue, is charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance, two counts of possession with the intent to distribute, two counts of possession with the intent to distribute within 500 feet of a park, two counts of possession with the intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of a school, possession of marijuana over 50 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia. His bail was set at \$25,000 cash or bond.

Singletary, age 52, of Evans Avenue, is charged with possession of a prescription legend drug. He was released pending future court proceedings.

Onofri thanked the following agencies for their assistance in the investigation: the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office Special Investigation Unit, the Mercer County Sheriff's Office, the MCSO SERT, the New Jersey State Police, the NJSP TEAMS, the Ewing, Hamilton, Lawrence and Trenton police departments, New Jersey Counterdrug Task Force Aviation, the Buck's County (Pennsylvania) District Attorney's Office, the Middletown (Pennsylvania) Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration's Camden Division.

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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