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\$50,000 in Drugs Seized by the Mercer County Narcotics Task Force

TRENTON -- Mercer County Prosecutor Joseph L. Bocchini Jr. and Trenton Police Director Ernest Parrey reported that the Mercer County Narcotics Task Force, under the command of Lt. Mike Novembre, concluded a month-long investigation with seven arrests and the seizure of almost \$10,000 in narcotics.

Bocchini stated that the investigation revealed Jerome Dexter was selling narcotics from three residences in the city, and using one of the locations to stash drugs. At approximately 12:52 p.m. on Thursday, November 13, task force officers were conducting surveillance of the three locations when they observed Jerome Dexter and detained him without incident. Subsequently, officers with the prosecutor's office, the county sheriff's office, the New Jersey State Police, and the Hamilton, Lawrence and Trenton police, executed multiple search warrants.

A search of **139 Hamilton Avenue**, first floor apartment, revealed 93 bricks (4650 decks) of heroin and 150 grams of marijuana inside Sarah Dismukes' bedroom. Nine additional decks of heroin were located in a jacket pocket hanging in her bedroom closet. Dismukes was detained in the apartment.

Tyrone Campbell was located inside of **48 Daymond Street** attempting to flush a quantity of marijuana down the toilet. A search of the residence revealed a small amount of marijuana and \$55 near the toilet. Drug paraphernalia was located throughout the kitchen.

Gwendolyn Dismukes, Jasmine Dexter and Octavia Walker were located inside of **38 Daymond Street**. A search of the residence revealed a defaced .22 caliber semi-automatic Raven Arms handgun and .22 caliber bullets in the second floor middle bedroom and approximately three grams of crack cocaine on a table in the living room. A search of Jasmine Dexter revealed two bags of marijuana. The investigation revealed that an individual identified as Guy Dexter resided

in the bedroom where the weapon was located. He was charged with the offense upon his arrival at the Trenton Police Department.

Novembre said the estimated street value of the heroin is \$46,590; the estimated street value of the marijuana is \$3,750; and the estimated street value of the crack cocaine is \$300.

Cash totaling \$1,181 was found on Jerome Dexter.

Jerome Dexter, age 35, of Daymond Street, is charged with possession of heroin, possession with the intent to distribute, possession with the intent to distribute within 500 feet of a park, possession of marijuana, possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute, possession with the intent to distribute within 500 feet of a park and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bail was set at \$75,000 cash or bond.

Sarah Dismukes, age 27, of Hamilton Avenue, is charged with possession of heroin, possession with the intent to distribute, possession with the intent to distribute within 500 feet of a park, possession of marijuana, possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute, possession with the intent to distribute within 500 feet of a park. She was lodged on nine outstanding Trenton warrants.

Guy Dexter, age 25, of Chase Street and Daymond Street, is charged with possession of a defaced firearm. Bail was set at \$25,000 cash or bond.

Gwendolyn Dismukes, age 58, of Daymond Street, and Octavia Walker, age 20, of East State Street, are each charged with possession of cocaine. Both were released pending future court proceedings.

Tyrone Campbell, age 40, of Brunswick Avenue, is charged with possession of marijuana. He was released pending future court proceedings.

Jasmine Dexter, age 24, of Daymond Street, is charged with possession of cocaine and possession of marijuana. She was 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.