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Mercer County SIU Seizes More Than \$22,000 in Narcotics

TRENTON -- Mercer County Prosecutor Joseph L. Bocchini Jr. and Trenton Police Director Ralph Rivera announced the Mercer County Special Investigations Unit (SIU) concluded a one-month investigation on Saturday with the seizure of more than \$22,000 in narcotics, more than \$8,700 in cash, a .22 caliber revolver and an Acura MDX..

Bocchini stated that on Saturday, November 9, officers with the prosecutor's office, the county sheriff's office, the New Jersey State Police TEAMS Unit, and the Ewing, Hamilton, Lawrence and Trenton police, under the command of Lt. Mike Novembre, executed search warrants at the residence of Yakeema Knight, 656 Beatty Street, Trenton. Knight was located at his residence along with two additional adults and several children.

A search of the residence revealed approximately 70 grams of powder cocaine and 80 grams of crack cocaine in a dresser drawer along with \$7,135. Approximately two pounds of marijuana and packaging material were found in a bag on the floor. On a closet shelf, officers discovered a box containing two digital scales, approximately five grams of ecstasy and a small amount of marijuana. Additional cash, totaling \$1,586, was found in a pair of jeans and a pocketbook. A Ruger .22 caliber revolver was located in the basement.

Novembre said the estimated street value of the powder cocaine is \$7,000; the estimated street value of the crack cocaine is \$8,000; the estimated street value of the marijuana is \$7,000; and the estimated street value of the ecstasy is \$250. A black Acura MDX was seized as drug proceeds.

Knight, age 35, was arrested and charged with multiple counts of drug possession and possession with the intent to distribute, possession of a weapon while committing a narcotics offense, certain persons not to possess a weapon and possession of drug paraphernalia. He is being held at the Mercer County Correction Center in lieu of \$150,000 bail.

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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