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Mercer County SIU Seizes \$3,300 in Various Narcotics

TRENTON -- Prosecutor Joseph L. Bocchini Jr. announced that the Mercer County Special Investigations Unit (SIU) concluded a month-long investigation on Friday with one arrest and the seizure of a shotgun and various narcotics.

Bocchini stated that last Friday, October 25, officers with the prosecutor's office and the county sheriff's office, under the command of Lt. Mike Novembre, executed a search warrant at 422 Elmer Street. The target of the investigation, 28-year-old Taareef Robinson, was taken into custody without incident.

A search of the residence revealed a small amount of marijuana in a plastic bag, a digital scale and \$150 on the kitchen table; 43 Percocet pills on a hutch in the dining room; 47 Xanax pills, \$2,927 in cash and plastic baggies in a bedroom; and an Ithaca pump-action shotgun and shotgun shells on the floor in the mudroom.

A search of Robinson revealed approximately 10 grams of powder cocaine, approximately 10 grams of crack cocaine, 67 decks of heroin and one oxycodone pill.

Novembre said the estimated street value of the seized drugs is \$3,325.

Robinson is charged with multiple counts of drug possession and possession with the intent to distribute, possession with the intent to distribute within 500 feet of a public facility, 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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