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**ARRESTS ANNOUNCED IN TRENTON AND HAMILTON PHARMACY ROBBERIES**

**Trenton--** Mercer County Prosecutor Joseph L. Bocchini, Jr. and acting Trenton Police Director Joseph S. Juniak, joined by Hamilton Police Chief James Collins, FBI Supervisory Special Agent in Charge Ludmila Reigel and representatives of the United States Marshals Service, New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force, today announced the conclusion of a year-long investigation into a series of armed robberies that plagued Trenton and Hamilton in 2009 and 2010.

The task force began investigating the pharmacy robberies in June of 2010 in an attempt to identify any similarities and to critically examine the evidence from each of the 9 incidents.

According to Prosecutor Bocchini, the first robbery took place on October 15, 2009 at Cagan's Pharmacy located at 836 Dr. Martin Luther King Boulevard. The other robberies included:

- Olden Pharmacy, 930 South Olden Avenue (Hamilton) on April 26, 2010.
- MedLink Pharmacy, 850 South Broad Street (Trenton) on May 10, 2010.
- Brunswick Pharmacy, 701 Brunswick Avenue (Trenton) on May 18, 2010.
- Episcopo's Pharmacy, 1125 Chambers Street (Trenton) on May 22, 2010.
- Vizzoni's Pharmacy, 1616 South Broad Street (Hamilton) on May 24, 2010.
- Olden Pharmacy, 930 South Olden Avenue (Hamilton) on June 14, 2010.

- Hamilton Pharmacy, 533 Hamilton Avenue (Trenton) on July 7, 2010.
- Total Care Pharmacy, 695 Chambers Street (Trenton) on August 8, 2010.

According to Prosecutor Bocchini, Detective Sergeant Carmelo Rodriguez and the Trenton Police robbery squad worked these robberies from their inception. The Trenton robbery squad was able to accumulate and review substantial video evidence from the robberies as well as witness statements. Working with the task force, the Trenton Police Department was able to develop sufficient evidence to arrest the following suspects:

- Martin Rodriguez, Jr., a/k/a "DR", age 25, of the 400 block of South Cook Avenue in Trenton.
- Robert Reading, a/k/a "Mafia", age 26, of the 500 block of Bradford Court in Bordentown.
- Robert Spady, a/k/a "Big Rob", age 33, of the 100 block of Kathy Drive in Yardley, Pennsylvania.
- Jefferson Guillaume, a/k/a "Haiti", age 30, of the first block of North Stockton Street in Trenton.
- Kevin Wesley, a/k/a "Fingers", age 27, of the 400 block of Cleveland Avenue in Trenton.

Bocchini stated that "this was monumental effort to bring these armed robbers to justice. Detective Sergeant Rodriguez and the Trenton robbery squad, Detectives Walters, Ingenbrandt, Gadsby and Moore from Hamilton and members of my office used every resource at their disposal to ensure that no stone was left unturned. These detectives showed dogged determination and resolve to bring these cases to a conclusion. I must also recognize Special Agent Steve Montgomery of the FBI's Trenton office for his tireless work and the access he provided to the FBI's resources." "Without a doubt, this task force was a tremendous success and each of the task force members were fully committed to solving each of these cases", Bocchini said.

Director Juniak stated that **Reading** was charged with armed robbery and weapons offenses by the Trenton Police Department for the robberies at MedLink Pharmacy, Episcopo's Pharmacy (attempt), Hamilton Pharmacy and Total Care Pharmacy. **Martin Rodriguez** was charged with the robberies at Episcopo's Pharmacy (attempt), Hamilton Pharmacy and Total Care Pharmacy. **Wesley** was charged with the robbery at MedLink Pharmacy. **Spady**, the alleged getaway driver, was charged with the robberies at the Brunswick Pharmacy and Episcopo's Pharmacy (attempt). **Guillaume** was charged with the robbery at Episcopo's (attempt).

Director Juniak stated that he anticipates further arrests in connection with the robberies. "The robbery squad of the Trenton Police Department has lived and breathed these robberies since October of 2009. Detective Sergeant Rodriguez and his detectives did a remarkable job in piecing together the evidence and following every lead. I am extremely proud of the robbery squad's vigilance and their "we won't rest attitude" until each of these cases were resolved", Juniak said.

Chief Collins announced that the Hamilton Police Department also filed armed robbery and weapons offenses against **Reading and Martin Rodriguez** for the robberies at the Olden Pharmacy and Vizzoni's Pharmacy. **Spady** was also charged by the Hamilton Police with the armed robbery at the Olden Pharmacy on June 14, 2010.

Chief Collins also anticipated that additional arrests would be made in the Hamilton robberies. Collins recognized the work of Detectives James Walters, Marty Ingenbrandt, Fred Moore and Len Gadsby. Chief Collins said, "I am extremely proud of the work of the Hamilton detective bureau and their tenaciousness in bringing each of these cases to a resolution. These detectives worked long hours conducting surveillance, analyzing evidence and interviewing and re-interviewing witnesses. They truly went above and beyond the call to close these cases."

Each of the defendants were arrested by the United States Marshals Service, New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force.

Prosecutor Bocchini indicated that **Reading** is being held on \$600,000 cash bail; **Martin Rodriguez** is being held on \$400,000 cash bail; **Wesley** is being held on \$100,000 cash bail; **Guillaume** is being held on \$300,000 cash bail; and, **Spady** is being held on \$200,000 cash bail.

Armed robbery is a first degree crime and a jail term of between 10 and 20 years for each offense.

The Trenton Police Department continues to investigate the robbery at Cagan's Pharmacy and arrests are anticipated in the near future.