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**County Narcotics Task Force Seizes Ecstasy, Marijuana and a Shotgun**

Mercer County Prosecutor Joseph L. Bocchini Jr. announced that a month-long investigation led by his Special Investigations Unit (SIU), under the command of Lt. Mike Novembre, has resulted in two arrests, and the seizure of \$9,000 in ecstasy, \$3,000 in marijuana and a shotgun.

Bocchini stated that last Friday, April 19, SIU officers along with the Mercer County Sheriff's Office, the New Jersey State Police, and the Ewing, Hamilton and Lawrence police executed search warrants at two Hamilton locations at approximately 6:50 a.m. At 306 Sewell Avenue, officers located Tremayne Pickett, age 28, and detained him without incident. A search of Pickett's residence revealed 72 grams of ecstasy, a cutting agent for ecstasy, two digital scales, a plastic bag full of empty pill capsules, 12 ounces of marijuana and \$202 in cash.

At 22 Annabelle Avenue, officers took 30-year-old Shakaar Johnson into custody. A search of his residence revealed a total of \$5,925, a fully loaded Mossberg 16 gauge shotgun, a military-style flak jacket, two ecstasy pills and numerous empty pill capsules.

Novembre stated that the approximate street value of the ecstasy is \$9,000; the approximate street value of the marijuana is \$3,000.

Pickett was charged with numerous narcotics offenses; a \$75,000 bail was set. Johnson was charged with numerous narcotics offenses, as well as possession of a firearm. His bail was set at \$175,000.

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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