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County Narcotics Task Force Seizes Marijuana, \$13,600 in Cash

EAST WINDSOR -- 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 one arrest, and the seizure of \$8,000 in marijuana and \$13,691 in cash.

Bocchini stated that on Tuesday, August 6, SIU officers along with the Mercer County Sheriff's Office, and East Windsor, Ewing, Hamilton, Lawrence and Trenton police executed search warrants at 47 Gardenview Terrace, Unit 10, East Windsor, at approximately 2:30 p.m. Officers located Elliot Lige, age 32, inside the residence and detained him without incident. During a search of the master bedroom, officers located approximately one and three-quarter pounds of high-grade marijuana and \$3,500 in cash on the floor. Another \$10,000 was found taped to the back of a dresser in the same bedroom. Drug paraphernalia was found on a closet shelf, including plastic baggies and two digital scales. A small bag of marijuana was found in a crib in a second bedroom.

Novembre stated that the approximate street value of the marijuana is \$8,000. Drug paraphernalia was also located in a 2004 Audi. The Audi and a 2001 Volkswagon were seized as drug proceeds. A search of Lige revealed \$191.

Lige is charged with possession of marijuana, possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute and possession of drug paraphernalia. He 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.

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