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County SIU Investigation Yields \$2,000 in Crack Cocaine, Five Arrests

Mercer County Prosecutor Joseph L. Bocchini Jr. announced that a two-month investigation conducted by his Special Investigations Unit (SIU), under the command of Sgt. Mike Novembre, led to the arrest of five individuals, and the seizure of approximately \$2,000 in narcotics and a loaded handgun.

Bocchini stated that Tuesday at approximately 6 a.m., his SIU assisted by the Mercer County Sheriff's Office, the Trenton Police Department, the Hamilton Police Department and the West Windsor Police Department simultaneously executed search warrants at three apartments in Trenton.

A search of Apartment 1 at 33 Prospect Street revealed approximately 10 grams of crack cocaine on a bathroom shelf. A fully-loaded .40 caliber semi-automatic handgun with hollow point bullets and four Endocet pills were located in a dresser drawer, and \$510 was found in a safe underneath the bed. Numerous digital scales were also located throughout the apartment.

Apartment residents **Kristopher Givens**, 34, and **Yolanda Satchell**, 40, were arrested and charged with numerous counts of drug possession, drug possession with the intent to distribute and weapons offenses. Givens was additionally charged with drug distribution. Approximately \$340 was found on Givens.

At 620 West State Street, Apartment 13K, officers found approximately 10 grams of crack cocaine on a chair in the living room and a digital scale in the kitchen. Sleeping on an air mattress next to the crack cocaine was **Ronta Williams AKA Ice**, 34, of Elton Avenue, Hamilton. He was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance, possession with

the intent to distribute, possession with the intent to distribute within 1000 feet of a school, possession with the intent to distribute within 500 feet of a park and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Officers also searched Apartment 5E at 620 West State Street. Some drug paraphernalia was seized, but no one was found in the apartment.

Novembre stated that the seized narcotics have an approximate street value of \$2,000.

Givens is being held at the Mercer County Correction Center in lieu of \$200,000 bail. Bails for Williams and Satchell were set at \$75,000 each; they are also at the MCCC.

Two Trenton women, **Drucilla Hickmond**, 34, of North Dean Avenue, and **Samantha Baldwin**, 36, of Taylor Street, were also arrested and charged with possession of crack cocaine. They were released on summons complaints.

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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