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Prosecutor's SIU Seizes \$19,000 in Cocaine

Mercer County Prosecutor Joseph L. Bocchini Jr. announced today that a month-long investigation conducted by his Special Investigations Unit (SIU), under the command of Lt. Rich Frascella, has led to the arrest of a Trenton man and the seizure of \$19,000 in narcotics.

Bocchini stated his office received information that a Trenton man recently released from federal prison was selling drugs. SIU detectives began surveillance on the target, identified as Thomas Lee Jr. (DOB 2/2/70), of Moreland Avenue in Trenton. At approximately 11 a.m. Wednesday, detectives observed a female driving a white Hyundai Santa Fe pick Lee up at his residence. Detectives followed the car onto the New Jersey Turnpike and into New York City.

When Lee and the female driver returned to Mercer County just after 5 p.m., they were stopped by the Robbinsville Police Department. After SIU's narcotics K-9 Rome detected narcotics and the vehicle was towed to the Robbinsville Police Department.

During a search of the vehicle, 190 grams of powder cocaine was located behind the front passenger seat. Frascella stated that seized cocaine has an approximate street value of \$19,000.

Lee was charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance and possession with the intent to distribute. He is being held at the Mercer County Correction Center in lieu of \$250,000 bail. The female driver was not charged.

In addition to the Robbinsville police, Bocchini thanked the Mercer County Sheriff's Office and the West Windsor Township police for their assistance with Wednesday's successful drug seizure and arrest.

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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