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Prosecutor's SIU Seizes Cocaine, Ecstasy and Marijuana

Mercer County Prosecutor Joseph L. Bocchini Jr. announced that a two-month investigation conducted by his Special Investigations Unit (SIU), under the command of Lt. Rich Frascella, has led to the arrest of one individual and the seizure of more than \$5,000 in narcotics.

Bocchini stated that Thursday at approximately 9 p.m., his SIU assisted by the Mercer County Sheriff's Office, the Trenton Police Department and the West Windsor Police Department executed a search warrant at 457 Whittaker Avenue in Trenton. The target of the investigation, 27-year-old Luis Fernando Ixcopal AKA Lu Lu, was taken into custody outside of his residence.

A search of the apartment revealed a safe in the kitchen containing 14 grams of powder cocaine, a quarter-pound of marijuana, almost 200 Ecstasy pills, \$338 in cash and a loaded .380 Bersa handgun. A scale and packaging materials were also found.

Ixcopal was charged with three counts each of possession of a controlled dangerous substance, possession with the intent to distribute, possession with the intent to distribute within 1000 feet of a school and possession with the intent to distribute within 500 feet of a park. He was also charged with possession of a firearm while committing a narcotics offense, certain persons not to possess a firearm and possession of drug paraphernalia. Ixcopal is being held at the Mercer County Correction Center in lieu of \$100,000 bail.

Frascella stated that seized narcotics have an approximate street value of \$5,300.

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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