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SIU Investigation Yields \$28,600 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. Frank LaBelle, has led to the arrest of one individual and the seizure of approximately \$28,600 in narcotics.

Bocchini stated that the investigation into the distribution of cocaine in Trenton by 47-year-old Anibal Perez reached its peak on Wednesday, when SIU received information that Perez was going to be delivering a large quantity of cocaine to a location near South Broad and Dayton streets. At approximately 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, members of SIU and the Mercer County Sheriff's Office conducted a motor vehicle stop of Perez' white Mitsubishi Mirage on Adeline Street. Perez and a female passenger were taken into custody and the vehicle was seized, along with \$276 in cash from Perez.

Detectives obtained a search warrant for the vehicle and located approximately 286 grams of powder cocaine hidden inside a panel of the passenger side door. Perez was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance, possession with the intent to distribute and possession with the intent to distribute within 1000 feet of a school. He is being held at the Mercer County Correction Center in lieu of \$175,000 bail. The female passenger was not charged.

A search warrant was also executed at Perez' home on Oxford Road in Cinnaminson, NJ, with assistance from the Burlington County Prosecutor's Office and the Cinnaminson Police Department.

LaBelle stated that the seized cocaine has an approximate street value of \$28,600.

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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