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Mercer County Narcotics Task Force Seizes a Stolen Handgun and over \$10,000 in Cocaine

TRENTON –Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri reported members of the Mercer County Narcotics Task Force concluded a two-month investigation with one arrest and the seizure of over \$10,000 in cocaine. Officers with the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office, the Mercer County Sheriff's Office, the U.S. Marshals Service, and the Hamilton and Trenton police, under the command of the prosecutor's Special Investigations Unit, assisted with the investigation.

On Tuesday, August 1, 2017, members of the task force executed search warrants for Barry Carney, a residence on Liberty Street and a vehicle. While searching Carney's black GMC Acadia, detectives located a hidden compartment which contained approximately 200 grams of powder cocaine and 10 grams of crack cocaine. The estimated street value of the seized powder cocaine is approximately \$10,000 and the estimated value of the crack cocaine is approximately \$600. Also located in the vehicle was \$3,430.00 in U.S. currency and a loaded H&K handgun, which had been reported stolen out of Washington, D.C. A search of Carney revealed an additional \$2,172.00 in U.S. currency.

Carney, age 35, of Cooper Street, Trenton, is charged with Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance (cocaine), Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance with Intent to Distribute, Unlawful Possession of a Handgun, Possession of a Firearm during a Controlled Dangerous Substance Offense, Theft by Receiving Stolen Property, and

Certain Person Not to Possess a Firearm. The prosecutor's office has filed a motion to have Carney detained.

During a search of the Liberty Street residence, detectives located two pit bulls in the basement of the residence. Animal Control was called to secure the dogs and Carney was charged with animal abandonment by the Animal Control Officers.

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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