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Marijuana and a Handgun Seized by the Mercer County Narcotics Task Force

EWING -- The Mercer County Narcotics Task Force concluded a two-week investigation last Friday with one arrest, and the seizure of \$2,760 in marijuana and a handgun, Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri reported.

On Friday, September 28, at approximately 2 p.m., officers with the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office, the Mercer County Sheriff's Office, the New Jersey State Police K-9 Unit, the U.S. Marshals Service, and the Hamilton and Trenton police, under the command of the prosecutor's Special Investigations Unit, executed search warrants at the New Trent Street home of Dawan Smith. Smith was detained without incident as he exited the residence. A search of the property revealed a loaded .45 caliber handgun, a half-pound of marijuana, 13 bags of marijuana packaged for distribution and \$1,055 in cash. The seized marijuana has an approximate street value of \$2,760.

Smith, age 27, is charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance, possession with the intent to distribute, possession with the intent to distribute within 500 feet of a park and possession of a weapon while committing a narcotics offense. He was released pending further court proceedings.

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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