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### **Mercer County Narcotics Task Force Seizes Guns, Cash and Drugs**

**TRENTON** -- The Mercer County Narcotics Task Force recently concluded a three-week investigation with one arrest and the seizure of two handguns, \$56,000 in numerous narcotics and almost \$16,000 in cash.

On Thursday evening, August 31, Rayshawn Baines AKA Buzz was taken into custody at his Church Street home in Trenton. A search of the residence revealed 400 grams of powder cocaine, 76 grams of crack cocaine, 69 Percocet pills, seven pounds of marijuana, a Ruger semi-automatic 9mm handgun with a fully loaded 30-round magazine, a Taurus semi-automatic .45 caliber handgun and \$15,904 in cash. Prosecutor's Sergeant Brian Kiely stated the seized drugs have an approximate street value of \$56,000.

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, conducted the investigation and made the arrest.

Baines, age 36, is charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance, possession of CDS with the intent to distribute, possession with the intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of a school, possession of marijuana over 50 grams, possession of a

handgun while committing a CDS offense, certain persons not to possess a handgun, possession of a high-capacity magazine, two counts of unlawful possession of a firearm and possession of hollow-point rounds. Additionally, there was an outstanding Trenton warrant for Baines for possession for a firearm for an unlawful purpose, certain persons not to possess a firearm and pointing a firearm. The prosecutor's office has filed a motion to have him detained.

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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