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### **Mercer County Narcotics Task Force Seizes \$20,000 in Cocaine**

The Mercer County Narcotics Task Force recently concluded a month-long investigation with two arrests and the seizure of \$20,000 in cocaine.

The task force received information during the investigation that a black female would be arriving in Trenton operating a silver Honda Civic and transporting a large quantity of cocaine. On Thursday afternoon, October 26, surveillance officers observed a silver Honda Civic exiting the New Jersey Turnpike toll plaza at exit 7A. Officers followed the vehicle, being driven by a black female, until it began driving on Hamilton Avenue. A motor vehicle stop was executed, the driver and her female passenger were detained without incident, and Sergeant Joe Angarone and his K-9 partner, Bela, conducted an exterior sniff of the vehicle. A search warrant was obtained after Bela gave a positive indication for the presence of narcotic odor and a search of the vehicle revealed approximately 201 grams of powder cocaine in the trunk.

Officers with the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office, the Mercer County Sheriff's Office, and the Hamilton and Trenton police, under the command of the prosecutor's Special Investigations Unit, conducted the investigation and made the arrests. Prosecutor's Sergeant Brian Kiely stated the seized drugs have an approximate street value of \$20,100.

The driver, Keisha Williams, age 34, of Plainfield, NJ, and passenger, Sapphire Gomez, age 22, of Elizabeth, NJ, are each charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance, first-degree possession with the intent to distribute and possession with the intent to distribute within 500 feet of a park.

Both women were released pending future 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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