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Mercer County Narcotics Task Force Seizes \$13,000 in OxyContin and Marijuana

The Mercer County Narcotics Task Force concluded a month-long investigation on Tuesday with one arrest, and the seizure of \$13,480 in drugs, Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri reported.

On Tuesday, October 10, at approximately 2 p.m., 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, executed search warrants at the Beatty Street home of Jose Santiago AKA King Silence. Santiago was detained without incident and a search of the residence revealed 574 OxyContin, a half-pound of marijuana and \$262 in cash. The approximate street value of the seized narcotics is \$11,480 for the OxyContin and \$2,000 for the marijuana.

Santiago, age 26, is charged with two counts of possession of a controlled dangerous substance, possession with the intent to distribute, possession with the intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of a school, possession with the intent to distribute within 500 feet of a park, possession of marijuana over 50 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia. 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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