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Mercer County Narcotics Task Force Seizes \$15,000 in Cocaine

HAMILTON -- The Mercer County Narcotics Task Force concluded a month-long investigation this week with one arrest and the seizure of \$15,000 in cocaine, Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri reported.

On Wednesday, October 11, at approximately 5:15 p.m., 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, executed search warrants at the Reed Avenue home of Jose Serrano. Serrano was detained nearby without incident and a search of the residence revealed 150 grams of powder cocaine, \$1,245 in cash and drug paraphernalia.

Prosecutor's Sergeant Brian Kiely stated the seized drugs have an approximate street value of \$15,000.

Serrano, age 40, is charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance, possession with the intent to distribute and possession of drug paraphernalia. 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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