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Trenton Man Arrested for Assault Rifle Possession

The Mercer County Narcotics Task Force concluded a weapons investigation on Thursday with the arrest of a Trenton man and the seizure of an AR15 assault rifle, Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri reported.

At approximately 4 p.m. on November 15, Masiyah Howard was detained in a vehicle in the area of Conrad and Division streets in Trenton. He was found to be in possession of approximately three grams of marijuana. Shortly thereafter, the Mercer County SWAT Team executed a search warrant for Howard's apartment on South Clinton Avenue. Officers located a Bushmaster short barrel AR15 assault rifle with an attached scope, 10 hollow-point .223 rounds with an extended magazine, an additional scope detached from the gun and a digital scale.

Howard, 22, is charged with numerous weapons offenses and possession of marijuana. The prosecutor's office has filed a motion to detain him.

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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