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\$9,000 in Drugs Seized by the Mercer County Narcotics Task Force

The Mercer County Narcotics Task Force concluded a week-long investigation on Monday with the seizure of more than \$9,000 in drugs, Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri reported.

Onofri stated that, on Monday evening, January 13, 2020, detectives with the MCNTF initiated surveillance of the investigation's target, Jeffrey Stewart, as well as his Trenton residence on Morris Avenue. A motor vehicle stop of Stewart was conducted at the intersection of Bridge and Warren streets and he was taken into custody without incident. Detectives proceeded to execute the search warrant, and Mercer County Prosecutor's Sergeant Joe Angarone utilized his K9 partner Bela to conduct a narcotics search. During the search, detectives located 87 grams of cocaine, 108 bags of heroin, one ounce of marijuana and \$1,220 in cash.

Onofri stated that the total amount of cocaine seized has an approximate street value of \$8,700. The heroin and marijuana have approximate street values of \$450 and \$300, respectively.

Stewart, 54, was charged with second-degree narcotics offenses. He is being held at the Mercer County Correction Center pending a detention hearing.

Officers with the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office, the Mercer County Sheriff's Office, U.S. Homeland Security Investigations, and the Hamilton and Trenton police, under the command of the prosecutor's Special Investigations Unit, assisted with the investigation.

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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