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Mercer County Narcotics Task Force Seizes Cocaine, PCP and a Loaded 9mm Handgun

Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri today announced that a month-long investigation into narcotics distribution in the Trenton area has culminated with two arrests and the seizure of \$55,000 in cocaine, PCP and a loaded 9mm handgun.

On Monday, March 21, 2022, as part of an ongoing investigation, members of the Mercer County Narcotics Task Force (MCNTF) received information that an individual identified as Christopher Seabrook would be traveling from Philadelphia to Trenton with a large quantity of narcotics.

With assistance from the Drug Enforcement Administration and Homeland Security Investigations, MCNTF detectives initiated surveillance on Seabrook's residence in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and at approximately 6:30 p.m., Seabrook was observed exiting his home and entering a gold Chevrolet Tahoe. The vehicle departed the area and subsequently picked up an individual identified as Jorge Mercado-Torres in the area of Russell Street in Philadelphia. The Tahoe proceeded to leave the Philadelphia area and drove directly to the area of Route 1 northbound and the Route 29 exit ramp in Trenton. Once on the exit ramp, detectives initiated a motor vehicle stop.

A search warrant was obtained and detectives discovered 550 grams of cocaine, six ounces of PCP and a Luger 9mm handgun loaded with seven hollow-point bullets all hidden in a space underneath the steering wheel column. A search of Seabrook's person revealed \$819 in cash and a search of Mercado-Torres person revealed \$353 in cash.

Seabrook, 47, and Mercado-Torres, 28, of Philadelphia, were taken into custody without incident and charged with first-degree narcotic offenses and second-degree weapons offenses. The prosecutor's office has filed motions to detain both men pending trial.

According to Prosecutor Onofri, the total street value of the confiscated cocaine is \$55,000 and the approximate value of the PCP is \$2,400.

Despite having been charged, all persons are presumed innocent until found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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