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More Than \$200,000 in Heroin Seized by the Mercer County Narcotics Task Force

A month-long investigation into narcotics distribution in the Trenton area has culminated with the arrest of a Trenton man and the seizure of \$212,500 in heroin, Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri reported.

On Tuesday, April 7, 2022, as part of an ongoing investigation being conducted by members of the Mercer County Narcotics Task Force, the Drug Enforcement Administration and Homeland Security Investigations, detectives conducted a motor vehicle stop of a white Acura TL belonging to Dionys Rivas as it exited the New Jersey Turnpike at exit 7A in Robbinsville Township. Rivas, 33, was driving the vehicle and his girlfriend, Rosilenny DeJesus, was in the front passenger seat. Both were detained without incident. A search of the vehicle revealed 425 bricks of heroin inside a gym bag in the trunk. A subsequent search of Rivas' residence on South Clinton Avenue revealed 10 grams of cocaine.

Rivas and DeJesus, 22, were each charged with numerous narcotic offenses, including first-degree possession of a controlled dangerous substance and first-degree possession with the intent to distribute. The prosecutor's office has filed motions to detain both Rivas and DeJesus pending trial.

According to Prosecutor Onofri, the street value of the confiscated heroin is approximately \$212,500 and the cocaine is approximately \$1,000.

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