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Guns and Cocaine Seized by the Mercer County Narcotics Task Force

A month-long investigation into narcotics distribution in the Trenton area has culminated with two arrests and the seizure of \$17,000 in cocaine, Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri reported.

At approximately 7:15 p.m. on Monday, June 13, 2022, members of the Mercer County Narcotics Task Force, the Mercer County Sheriff's Office, the Drug Enforcement Administration, Homeland Security Investigations and the Trenton Police Department executed search warrants at multiple locations in Trenton. While at the apartment of Jose Borges-Navarro in the 600 block of West State Street, surveillance officers observed the suspect open a window on the eighth floor and throw two duffle bags out. Detectives secured the area and retrieved a loaded Ruger .357 handgun and approximately 170 grams of cocaine strewn on the ground and on a parked vehicle. Further search of the bags revealed a four-ton, heavy duty bottle jack and a large silver press that is commonly used to press powder cocaine into kilograms. Detectives located Borges-Navarro in the living room and took him into custody without incident. A search of the apartment revealed a small quantity of cocaine in the bathroom and on the window ledge.

During the execution of a search warrant in the 500 block of West State Street, members of the Mercer County Tactical Response Team secured Jose Azcona as he was exiting the front door. Detectives retrieved a loaded black and tan "Ghost Gun" and a loaded black and silver revolver inside of the residence.

Azcona, 24, and Borges-Navarro, 33, are each charged with numerous narcotic and weapons offenses. The prosecutor's office has filed motions to detain both men pending trial. During processing, detectives discovered that Borges-Navarro was using an alias and that his real name is Juan Antonio Sanchez. It was further learned that Sanchez was wanted for a 2019 shooting in Reading, Pennsylvania.

According to Prosecutor Onofri, the street value of the confiscated cocaine is approximately \$17,000.

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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