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Cocaine, Gun Seized by the Mercer County Narcotics Task Force

A three-month investigation into narcotics distribution in the Trenton area has culminated with three arrests and the seizure of \$30,000 in cocaine, Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri reported.

At approximately 5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, members of the Mercer County Narcotics Task Force, the Mercer County Sheriff's Office, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, and the Hamilton Police Division executed search warrants at multiple locations in Trenton. Jason Wilkins, 51, was detained in the kitchen of 90 Bellevue Avenue. A search of the residence revealed 300 grams of powder cocaine and a scale. During a search warrant execution at 739 Roebling Avenue, detectives located a Smith & Wesson Model MP .40 caliber handgun with seven rounds of hollow-point ammunition. Jason's brother, Roland Wilkins, 52, and Mary Bailey, 71, were detained at the residence.

Jason Wilkins was charged with first-degree narcotics and weapons offenses and transported to the Mercer County Correction Center pending a detention hearing. Roland Wilkins was charged with weapons offenses and transported to the MCCC. Bailey was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and released pending future court proceedings.

According to Prosecutor Onofri, the street value of the confiscated cocaine is approximately \$30,200.

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