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## \$500,000 in Cocaine Seized by the Mercer County Narcotics Task Force

A month-long investigation into cocaine distribution in Mercer County culminated recently with four arrests and the seizure of \$500,000 in narcotics, Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri reported.

A few weeks ago, the Mercer County Narcotics Task Force received information from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and an investigation ensued. The investigation led law enforcement officials to the Motel 6 in Lawrence Township the evening of March 21. Detectives executed a search warrant and located William Adrover Rodriguez inside a room on the first floor with approximately 5.1 kilograms of powder cocaine. The street value of the confiscated narcotics is approximately \$500,000.

Rodriguez was taken into custody without incident. Three additional individuals involved in the conspiracy to distribute cocaine were arrested nearby.

Members of the Mercer County Narcotics Task Force and the DEA Tactical Response Team executed the search warrant at the motel. The Ewing, Hamilton, Lawrence and Trenton police departments and the FBI also assisted with the investigation.

William Adrover Rodriguez, 38, of Galloway, Ohio, is charged with multiple first-degree narcotic offenses. Jamie Acevedo-Correa, 42, of Riogrande, NJ, Manuel Castro Velazquez, 46, of Trenton, NJ, and Elvin Perez-Medina, 34, of Puerto Rico, are each charged with second-degree conspiracy. The prosecutor's office is filing motions to detain all four men pending trial.

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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William Adrover Rodriguez