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\$70,000 in Cocaine Seized by the Mercer County Narcotics Task Force

A two-month investigation into cocaine distribution in Trenton culminated this week with two arrests and the seizure of \$70,000 in cocaine, Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo J. Onofri reported.

On April 29, 2024, members of the Mercer County Narcotics Task force (MCNTF), with assistance from the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Mercer County Sheriff's Office, and the Ewing, Hamilton and Trenton police, located Dayron Vaughn, 48, of Bristol, Pennsylvania, operating a motorcycle in the 400 block of West Hanover Street in Trenton at approximately 4 p.m. A motor vehicle stop was conducted and Vaughn was found to be in possession of approximately 10 grams of powder cocaine. As Vaughn was being taken into custody, members of the Mercer County Tactical Response Team assisted the MCNTF with the execution of a search warrant at a residence in the 1300 block of Edgewood Avenue that was tied to the investigation. Inside of the residence, detectives located a large amount of powder cocaine in a black safe and a significant amount of drug paraphernalia, including digital scales and packaging materials, in the basement. Resident Barry Coles, 56, was present at the time of the search warrant execution and detained without incident.

Both Vaughn and Coles were charged with numerous first-degree narcotics offenses, including maintaining a drug manufacturing facility, and lodged in the Mercer County

Correction Center. The prosecutor's office will file motions to detain both men pending trial.

According to Prosecutor Onofri, a total of 700 grams of cocaine was recovered from the Edgewood Avenue property. The approximate street value of the confiscated narcotics is \$70,000.

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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Dayron Vaughn



Barry Coles