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## **MEDIA RELEASE – APRIL 7, 2017**

### **TWO PERSONS INDICTED BY HUNTERDON COUNTY GRAND JURY FOR COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY**

Hunterdon County Prosecutor Anthony P. Kearns, III, announced the indictment of Michael R. Owens, age 24, and Iziera D. Johnson, age 18, both of Trenton, NJ. On April 6, 2017, Mr. Owens was indicted by a Hunterdon County Grand Jury for 4<sup>th</sup> degree Conspiracy to Possess Counterfeit Currency and 4<sup>th</sup> degree Conspiracy to Use Counterfeit Currency. Ms. Johnson was indicted for 4<sup>th</sup> degree Possession of Counterfeit Currency and 4<sup>th</sup> degree Use of Counterfeit Currency.

On February 14, 2017, Mr. Owens and Ms. Johnson were stopped for a motor vehicle violation in Flemington by Troopers from the New Jersey State Police Kingwood Barracks. Owens and Johnson were subsequently arrested for possession of CDS (Marijuana) and Obstruction of Justice and transported back to Kingwood Barracks for processing. Ms. Johnson was later found to be in possession of counterfeit currency. Upon further investigation it was revealed that Mr. Owens drove Ms. Johnson to the Walmart in Readington Township where she bought merchandise using the counterfeit currency. Mr. Owens was then charged with Conspiracy to Possess Counterfeit Currency and Conspiracy to Use Counterfeit Currency. Ms. Johnson was charged with Possession of Counterfeit Currency and Use of Counterfeit Currency.

On April 17, 2017, Mr. Owens and Ms. Johnson are scheduled for a Post Indictment Arraignment in Hunterdon County Superior Court.

The filing of a criminal complaint is merely a step in the criminal justice process. The defendant is presumed innocent until the matter is resolved in a court of law.

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