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## **MEDIA RELEASE – OCTOBER 17, 2017**

### **HIGH BRIDGE MAN ARRESTED IN JOINT NARCOTICS INVESTIGATION**

Hunterdon County Prosecutor Anthony P. Kearns, III, Chief of Detectives John J. Kuczynski, Lebanon Township Police Chief Jack Gale, and High Bridge Borough Police Chief Brett Bartman announced that a joint investigation by the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office Gangs, Guns, & Narcotics Task Force the Lebanon Township Police Department, and the High Bridge Borough Police Department has led to the arrest of one individual for numerous narcotics offenses.

According to Prosecutor Kearns, "The joint investigation resulted in the arrest of Austin Vasallo, age 20, of High Bridge, NJ, on October 5, 2017. Mr. Vasallo was charged with two counts of 2<sup>nd</sup> degree Distribution of LSD, two counts of 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Distribution of MDMA, 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Distribution of Cocaine, 4<sup>th</sup> degree Distribution of Marijuana, 4<sup>th</sup> degree Distribution of Marijuana Edibles, and 4<sup>th</sup> degree Possession of Psilocybin Mushrooms. Ms. Vasallo was also charged with two counts of Possession of Marijuana and one count of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, all disorderly person offenses. The crimes occurred in Lebanon Township and High Bridge Borough during September and October."

Mr. Vasallo was processed and lodged in the Somerset County Jail.

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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