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## **MEDIA RELEASE – JANUARY 30, 2018**

### **HCPO DRUG BUST NABS THREE IN CLINTON**

Hunterdon County Prosecutor Anthony P. Kearns, III, Chief of Detectives John J. Kuczynski, and Town of Clinton Police Chief Brett Matheis announced a joint investigation by the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office Gangs, Guns, & Narcotics Task Force, the Town of Clinton Police Department, the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office SWAT Team, and the New Jersey State Police has led to the arrest of three individuals for narcotics offenses.

According to Prosecutor Kearns, "A three month long joint investigation has resulted in the arrest of Michael Kolba Jr., age 19, of Lebanon, for 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Distribution of CDS (Alprazolam), Victor Tranquilli, age 19, of Hampton, for 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Conspiracy to Distribute CDS (Marijuana), and Maxwell Krizan, age 19, of Branchburg, for Possession of CDS (Marijuana). The arrests took place in the Town of Clinton on January 23, 2018. Over \$2400 in cash was seized during the raid."

Mr. Tranquilli and Mr. Krizan were released pending a court appearance. Mr. Kolba was 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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