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JOINT NARCOTICS INVESTIGATION YIELDS OVER SEVENTY -FIVE POUNDS OF MARIJUANA

Hunterdon County Prosecutor Anthony P. Kearns, III, Warren County Prosecutor Richard T. Burke, Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office Chief of Detectives Frank R. Crisologo and Clinton Township Officer in Charge Lt. Ryan Melsky announced the arrest of one individual after a joint narcotics investigation by the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office's Narcotics Task Force, Warren County Prosecutor's Office's Narcotics Task Force and the Clinton Township Police Department.

According to Prosecutor Kearns, "On January 23, 2019, Timothy Coyle, age 47, of Washington, NJ, was arrested after members for the Clinton Township Police Department and Hunterdon County Narcotics Task force conducted a motor vehicle stop of the vehicle Mr. Coyle was operating. A search of the vehicle revealed approximately 8 pounds of raw marijuana and additional marijuana edibles. Mr. Coyle was arrested and charged with second degree Possession of Marijuana with intent to distribute. Subsequently a search warrant was secured and executed on Mr. Coyle's residence by the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office Narcotics Task Force, Warren County Prosecutor's Office Narcotics Task Force, Clinton Township Police Department, New Jersey State Police, and the Washington Township Police Department resulting in additional drugs and money. Mr. Coyle was later charged with two counts of first degree Possession with intent to distribute more than 25 pounds of Marijuana and five pounds of Hashish, two counts of fourth degree Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance and one third degree money laundering offense. The approximate street value of the drugs was \$225,000. Additionally, \$20,000 worth of United States Currency was also seized. The multi-jurisdictional investigation was conducted by the Narcotics Task Force from Hunterdon and Warren Counties, New Jersey State Police, Washington Township Police Department and Clinton Township Police Department."

Prosecutor Kearns concluded, "I want to commend all the law enforcement agencies and detectives involved in the arrest of Mr. Coyle and the seizure of the illegal drugs. The cooperation between the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office and the Warren County Prosecutor's Office was instrumental in the success of the investigation."

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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