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## **MEDIA RELEASE – JANUARY 31, 2019**

### **HACKETTSTOWN WOMAN ARRESTED FOR DISTRIBUTION OF HEROIN**

Hunterdon County Prosecutor Anthony P. Kearns, III, Chief of Detectives Frank R. Crisologo, Lieutenant Mark G. Kepenis New Jersey State Police, Perryville Station and Washington Township Police Chief Thomas J. Cicerelle announced that a joint investigation by the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office Gangs, Guns, & Narcotics Task Force, the New Jersey State Police and the Washington Township Police Department has led to the arrest of one individual for narcotics offenses.

According to Prosecutor Kearns, "The joint investigation resulted in the arrest of Ushma Desai, age 36, of Hackettstown, on January 30, 2019, for 3rd degree Distribution of Heroin and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. During the month of December 2018, Ms. Desai sold approximately two grams of raw Heroin. During her arrest she was found in possession of Suboxone and drug paraphernalia. Ms. Desai was released pending her first court appearance."

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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