



TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE

SUBJECT: Drug Investigation – Search Warrant

DATE/TIME: 08/19/16 at approximately 9:00 am

LOCATION: A Monmouth Road Residence

OFFICERS INVOLVED: Captain Michael Sorrentino, Detective Lieutenant Timothy Torchia, Lieutenant Eduardo Segarra, Detective Sergeant Gregory Tongring. Detective's Bryan Morgan, Mike Legg, Jeff Malone, Mike Melody, Jesse Orbach and Raheem Carter and Police Officers Trevor Dickerson, Randy Slawsky, Mark Deltin, Phillip Jackson, Joseph Bones, Glennis Polanco, and Special Officer Andy Floros along with Police Officer Anthony Carafa of the Borough of Allenhurst with K-9 and Bia. Also assisting was Long Branch Animal Control Officer Debbie Nagel.

ACCUSED: Robert Blount, age 19 of Ocean, NJ
Edwin Rodriguez, age 18 of ocean NJ
Paul Ashton, age 24 of Ocean NJ
Alfredo Quintanar, age 18 of Ocean NJ
Paula Ashton, age 25 of Ocean NJ
Steven Toone, age 27 of ocean NJ
Donica Rodriguez, age 47 of ocean NJ
Paulette Ashton, age 29 of Long Branch NJ
Unnamed 16 year old female juvenile of Long Branch NJ

NARRATIVE:

On 8/19/16 at approximately 9:00 am, members of the Township of Ocean Police Department executed a search warrant at a residence on Monmouth Rd. The search warrant was part of an ongoing investigation by members of the Township of Ocean Police Department's Criminal Investigation Bureau. During the execution of that search warrant detectives located drugs, drug paraphernalia, and fireworks. Robert Blount and Edwin Rodriguez, occupants of the home at the time, were taken into custody subsequent to the execution of the search warrant and transported to police headquarters for further processing. Also seized from the residence was a quantity of US currency which was suspected drug proceeds. During the execution of the search warrant 3 pit bull dogs were encountered inside the residence and one dog bit an officer. All 3 animals were

subsequently taken into custody by Animal Control and turned over to the SPCA where they were housed for quarantine. The officer was subsequently treated and released from the hospital for a minor laceration.

At the time of the search warrant, detectives located and arrested Alfredo Quintanar at his residence in Ocean Twp. Mr. Quintanar was involved in the investigation and later charged with possession of fireworks. He was released on a criminal summons and will appear at a future court hearing.

Mr. Blount was charged with 1 count of possession of under 50 grams of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of fireworks, and possession with intent to distribute marijuana. He was later released on his own recognizance on a criminal complaint warrant and will appear at a future court hearing.

Mr. Rodriguez was charged with 1 count of possession of under 50 grams of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was later released on a criminal complaint summons and will appear at a future court hearing.

Also charged in connection with the investigation and execution of the search warrant was Paul Ashton who resides at the residence. Ashton was charged with 1 count of possession of a controlled dangerous substance (cocaine) and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was later served with a criminal complaint summons at Monmouth County Correctional Institution where he is being lodged on unrelated charges. He will appear at a future court hearing.

A 16 year old juvenile was charged with 1 count of possession of under 50 grams of marijuana. Her charges will be forwarded to Monmouth County Family Court. The Division of Child Permanency and Protection was contacted reference the 16 year old as well as an additional infant who resided within the residence.

Also charged in connection with the investigation and execution of the search warrant was Steven Toone who also resided at the residence with his fiancé Paula Ashton and their young child. On 8/22/16 Toone was charged with 1 count of possession of under 50 grams of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of fireworks. He was later released on a criminal complaint summons and will appear at a future court hearing. Currently charges are pending against Paula Ashton.

Donica Rodriguez and Paulette Ashton were both charged by Animal Control Officer Debbie Nagel each with unlicensed dog violations and they were subsequently issued Township Ordinance summons and will appear at a future court hearing.

As a result of the search warrant Ocean Township Code Enforcement was contact and inspected the premises which were in severe disrepair. Code violation summonses are pending.

NO PHOTOS OF ACCUSED ARE AVAILABLE

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