



TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS RELEASE

SUBJECT: Three Arrested following a Narcotic Transaction

DATE/TIME: September 20, 2016 at 6:25 pm

LOCATION: Towne Shops 2005 Highway 35 Oakhurst, NJ

OFFICERS INVOLVED: Detectives Michael Melody and Jesse Orbach / Monmouth County Sheriff's Officer, David Lasko along with K-9 Edge

ACCUSED: Nick Vitrano 61 year old male / Neptune, NJ
Eric Durkin 29 year old male / Neptune, NJ
Katelyn Sherlotti 26 year old female / Oakhurst, NJ

NARRATIVE:

On Tuesday, September 20th, 2016 Detectives Michael Melody and Jesse Orbach conducted a motor vehicle stop after observing a narcotic transaction. During their investigation Sheriff's Officer David Lasko along with K-9 Edge assisted the detectives. During their roadside investigation Nick Vitrano and Eric Durkin were arrested for being in possession of 14 bags heroin and wandering for the purpose of purchasing narcotics.

Further investigation revealed that Katelyn Sherlotti was involved in the narcotic transaction that the detectives observed. She was arrested at her Oakhurst residence for possession with intent to distribute narcotics. During the arrest Sherlotti turned over 36 bags of heroin packaged for sale. Syringes, empty heroin bags and other paraphernalia were also discovered at her residence. Her vehicle a 2016 Honda Civic was seized pending civil forfeiture proceedings as it was used in the commission of a crime.

Nick Vitrano was charged with possession of heroin and wandering. Eric Durkin was charged possession of heroin, wandering and obstruction. Both were released on a criminal summons pending a future court appearance.

Katelyn Sherlotti was charged with two counts for possession with intent to distribute narcotics, two counts of possession of heroin, wandering, possession of hypodermic syringes and possession of drug paraphernalia. Sherlotti was transported to the Monmouth County Correctional Institution in lieu of \$25,000 bail.

NO PHOTOS OF ACCUSED ARE AVAILABLE

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