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**Lengthy Drug Investigation Yields
Largest Single Heroin Seizure in NCCPD History**

New Castle County Police along with Federal, State and Local agencies completed a joint investigation along the Lancaster Pike corridor. The Division of Police initiated and completed their part of the investigation with the largest single seizure of heroin in the department's history.

(Wilmington, DE-19805) A team of law enforcement officials from the New Castle County Police Department along with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (Wilmington Office), the Drug Enforcement Agency, the U.S. Marshals, the city of Wilmington Police Department, the Delaware State Police, the Attorney General's Office, Probation and Parole and the Delaware Army National Guard assisted in the joint operation.

Approximately forty (40) officers from the multiple agencies conducted a five day operation (days and evenings) to address the quality of life issues in the area. Officers arrested 39 people and seized approximately 412 bags of heroin (10.29 grams), 24.79 grams of cocaine, 176.67 grams of marijuana and 33.5 doses of miscellaneous pills. They located one (1) weapon and issued numerous warnings and traffic citations.

An investigation into the illegal sale of narcotics in the area began in May 2013 with detectives from the New Castle County Drug Control Squad. As a result of the investigation, numerous law enforcement officers from the NCCPD SWAT team, DCS, the DEA Task Force and the FBI Safe Streets Task force executed five (5) search warrants in the communities of Silver Springs Apartment Complex, Dorjul Apartments and Edgemoor Gardens on Thursday, (3/27) while the multijurisdictional task force continued to address the quality of life issues.

Detectives located **633 bags** (15.825 grams) in an apartment located in the unit block of Mary Ella Drive (Silver Springs Apartments) and then found an additional **12, 925 bags** (323.125 grams) in another apartment, also in the unit block of Mary Ella Drive. Detectives seized three (3) weapons, one of which was reported stolen from Pennsylvania.

Detectives apprehended the last suspects (James Brown and William Barksdale) on Monday, (3/31) while they traveled in a vehicle with the assistance of the New Castle County SWAT Team and members of the Delaware State Police.

The total amount of money seized from the drug investigation totaled **\$24,464** with a total amount of **13,558 bags of heroin** weighing approximately 338.05 grams. Detectives believe the approximate street value of the heroin seized totaled \$41,600.

A total of 11 suspects were taken into custody with bail ranging from \$500 unsecured to \$380, 000 cash bail.



Keith Johnson
28-year-old male



Jeffrey McAllister
35-year-old male



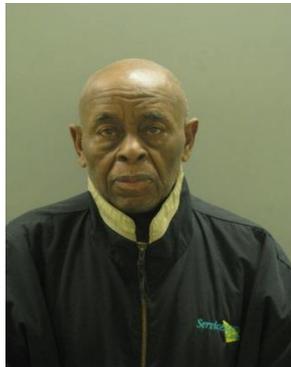
Paul Brown
35-year-old male



Christopher Wilmoth
26-year-old male



London Johnson-Jones
23-year-old female



Robert Meredith
76-year-old male



Tara Cook
24-year-old female



Alvin Phillips
48-year-old male



Clifford McAllister
40-year-old male



William Barksdale
34-year-old male



James Brown
50-year-old male