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# NEWS

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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**Cape May Court House, New Jersey** – County Prosecutor Robert L. Taylor reported today the following thirty-one suspects have been arrested and charged with Conspiracy to Possess a Controlled Dangerous Substance (cocaine), a third degree crime, in a continuing sweep by law enforcement officers. Detectives from the Prosecutor's Office, Narcotics Task Force as well as officers from Lower, Middle, Cape May and North Wildwood Police Departments participated in yesterday's early morning arrests. All of the suspects arrested were released on their own recognizance with the exception of Pisieczko, who was lodged in the Cape May County Correctional Center in lieu of \$15,000 cash bail. The arrests resulted from the narcotics operation reported last week involving the alleged drug distribution network of Stephen Grasch, operating in the southern portion of Cape May County.

Noreen Cicero, 35 years old  
801 Heather Lane, Erma, NJ 08204

Thomas McCullen, 25 years old  
714 Adriatic Avenue, North Cape May, NJ 08204

David Hawthorne, 41 years old  
102 Appleblossom Drive, NCM, NJ 08204

Justin R. Fesler, 31 years old  
610 Johnathon Hoffman Road, Cape May, NJ 08204

Scott David Jones, 35 years old  
5 Carriage Lane, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210

Cynthia L. Bohn, 41 years old  
938 Carol Avenue, Cape May, NJ 08204

James A. Conti, 40 years old  
603 Pilgrim Plaza, North Cape May, NJ 08204

Justine Johnson, 37 years old  
264 Grant Street, Cape May, NJ 08204

Casimir M. Rupinski III, 35 years old  
752 Route 9 South, Erma, NJ 08204

Matthew Walter, 33 years old  
57 Hudson Avenue, Villas, NJ 08251

Thomas C. Vanaman, 50 years old  
791 Tabernacle Road, Erma, NJ 08204

Stephanie Linhares (Husak), 42 years old  
287 6 th Avenue Apt A, West Cape May, NJ 08204

Matthew Linhares, 40 years old  
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Roy Osmundsen, 49 years old  
414 Whipporwill Lane, Dias Creek, NJ 08210

Donald J Roth, 32 years old  
40 Croydon Dr, North Cape May, NJ 08204

Stephen Groetsch 2<sup>nd</sup>, 32 years old  
305 Monomy Terrace, North Cape May, NJ 08204

Patricia M Whitten, 42 years old  
130 Cloverdale, Villas, NJ 08251

Christa Iames, 29 years old  
124 Sunnyside Dr, North Cape May, NJ 08204

Michelle Stillwagon, 38 years old  
109 Claremont Avenue, North Cape May, NJ 08204

Mark T Stillwagon, 47 years old  
109 Claremont Road, North Cape May, NJ 08204

Dawn M Ford, 39 years old  
501 W Wilde Ave, Villas, NJ 08204

David Tosto, 35 years old  
127 Hedi Ave, North Cape May, NJ 08204

William Weidman, 54 years old  
343 Rt 47 South, CMCH, NJ 08210

Jennifer McCool, 41 years old  
101 Townbank Rd, North Cape May, NJ 08204

Russell Coombs Jr., 42 years old  
503 Gorham Ave, North Cape May, NJ 08204

Ray Williams Jr. 34 years old  
101 Townbank Rd, North Cape May, NJ 08204

Patricia Dever, 48 years old  
605 Whittier Ave, North Cape May, NJ 08204

John Taylor, 40 years old  
705 Rose Hill Pkwy, North Cape May, NJ 08204

John J. Pisieczko, 35 years old  
620 Loebe Ave, Erma, NJ 08204

Sean Gallagher, 43 years old  
212 Iselin Lane, North Cape May, NJ 08204

Christopher Heitman, 29 years old  
2 Golf Lane, Cape May, NJ 08204

Persons convicted of 3<sup>rd</sup> degree crimes may be sentenced to serve three to five years in the New Jersey State Prison.

As already reported, members of the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office Narcotics Task Force initiated the eighteen-month long investigation into the activities of 29-year-old Stephen G. Grasch of Green Creek and his father, 59-year-old Albert T. Grasch, Sr. of North Cape May.

The investigation was brought to a conclusion when investigators interrupted the sale of over 4 ounces of cocaine by Stephen DiCristofaro of Medford, New Jersey to Stephen Grasch on Saturday evening, August 18<sup>th</sup>. Consequently, forty members of the Cape May County Regional SWAT Team spread out throughout Middle and Lower Township to simultaneously execute search and arrest warrants at three locations. The residences of Stephen, Albert Sr., and Stephen's mother, Karen Grasch were locations searched with Court authorized search warrants. Approximately \$26,000 cash, 4 ½ ounces of cocaine estimated at a street value of \$13,000.00, over 600 prescription pills including Xanax, hydrocodone and anabolic steroids estimated at a street value of \$3500.00, and four motor vehicles were among the items seized during the searches.

The following persons had been arrested last week:

Stephen G. Grasch, 29 years  
900 South Route 47, Green Creek, NJ  
Charges: Leader of a Narcotics Distribution Network ( 1<sup>st</sup> Degree)  
Bail: \$500,000.00 Cash. Held in Cape May County Jail.

Albert T. Grasch Sr., 57 years  
506 Washington Blvd., North Cape May, NJ  
Charges: Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine (3<sup>rd</sup> Degree), Endangering the Welfare of a Child (2<sup>nd</sup> Degree), Distribution of Cocaine over a ½ ounce (2<sup>nd</sup> Degree).  
Bail: \$ 200,000.00 Cash for the first 2 charges and additional \$200,000.00 cash for the other charge. Held in Cape May County Jail.

Stephen DiCristofaro, 46 years  
7 Rams Court, Medford, NJ  
Charges: Distribution of CDS (2<sup>nd</sup> Degree)  
Bail: 100,000.00 Cash. Held in Cape May County Jail

Karen M. Grasch, 57 years  
120 Vermont Avenue, Villas, NJ  
Charges: Distribution of CDS (3<sup>rd</sup> Degree).  
Bail: \$100,000.00 ROR, Released ROR

Arthur W. Creamer, 58 years  
301 Washington Blvd., North Cape May, NJ  
Charges: Conspiracy to Distribute CDS (3<sup>rd</sup> Degree), Obstruction (4<sup>th</sup> degree),  
Hindering, (3<sup>rd</sup> Degree).  
Bail: \$200,000.00 ROR. Released ROR

Hector R. Velez, 35 years  
3449 Helen Street, Philadelphia, PA  
Charges: Possession of CDS (3<sup>rd</sup> Degree) and Distribution of CDS (2<sup>nd</sup> Degree)  
Bail: \$25,000.00 Cash. Held in Cape May County Jail

Emma D. Velez, 34 years  
8030 Ditman Street, Philadelphia, PA  
Charges: Possession of CDS (3<sup>rd</sup> Degree) and Distribution of CDS (2<sup>nd</sup> Degree)  
Bail: \$25,000.00 Cash. Held in Cape May County Jail

Persons convicted of being a leader (Kingpin) of a narcotics distribution network (1<sup>st</sup> degree crime) may be sentenced up to life imprisonment in the New Jersey State Prison during which the person must serve 25 years before being eligible for parole. Persons convicted of a second-degree crime may be sentenced between 5 and 10 years in the New Jersey State Prison.

Civil forfeiture actions were filed last week by the Prosecutor's Office in the Superior Court of New Jersey seeking the forfeiture of the real property known as 506 Washington Boulevard, North Cape May, New Jersey owned by Albert and Karen Grasch as well as 900 Route 47, Green Creek, New Jersey owned by Stephen Grasch. Forfeiture actions are also anticipated on the four seized vehicles. The Prosecutor's Office will also seek forfeiture of \$57,300 in cash that includes \$31,300 in cash funds seized by search warrant from a safe deposit box rented in the name of Albert Grasch.

Prosecutor Taylor said the investigation is continuing and additional arrests are pending in another phase of the investigation.