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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 additional eighteen suspects have been arrested during the past week and charged with Conspiracy to Possess a Controlled Dangerous Substance (cocaine), a third degree crime, in a continuing sweep by law enforcement officers. These arrests followed last week's thirty-one suspects arrested on similar charges. 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 the arrests. All of the suspects arrested were released on a summons or on their own recognizance with the exception of Tana Hadar, 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 on August 13<sup>th</sup> involving the alleged drug distribution network of Stephen Grasch, operating in the southern portion of Cape May County.

William Miller, 29 years of age  
304 Arctic Ave., N. Cape May, New Jersey

Cheryl McPherson, 42 years of age  
93 Beachhurst Dr., N. Cape May, New Jersey

Joseph A. Sida, 40 years of age  
93 Beachhurst Dr., N. Cape May, New Jersey

Daniel Oliver, 30 years of age  
215 Hand Ave., Cape May Court House, New Jersey

Michael A. Reagan, 60 years of age  
660 Rt. 9, Erma, New Jersey

Anne Reagan, 36 years of age  
105 Rutledge Rd., Del Haven, New Jersey

Darryl Meter, 29 years of age  
210 Lennox Ave., Fishing Creek, New Jersey

Jason Meter, 25 years of age  
210 Lennox Ave., N. Cape May, New Jersey

Bruce Brown, 34 years of age  
919 Queen Street, Cape May, New Jersey

Joseph Nichols, 57 years of age  
817 Stockton Ave., Cape May, New Jersey

Tana Hadar, 50 years of age  
626 Broadway, West Cape May, New Jersey

Corey Smith, 40 years of age  
132 W. New York Ave., Villas, New Jersey

James Reagan, 58 years of age  
706 N. Wildwood Blvd, #24, Burleigh, New Jersey

Anthony Frascatore, 34 years of age  
15 Stanhope Ave., Marmora, New Jersey

Mary T. Davis, 36 years of age  
3951 Bayshore Road, Cape May, New Jersey

Christina Dever, 30 years of age  
304 Arctic Ave., N. Cape May, New Jersey

Christian Smith, 33 years of age  
923 Washington Avenue, Apt. 304, Cape May, New Jersey

Kenneth Johnson, 34 years of age  
8 North Meadowridge Road, Petersburg, New Jersey

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 12<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 on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007:

Stephen G. Grasch, 29 years  
900 South Route 47, Green Creek, New Jersey  
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, New Jersey  
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, New Jersey  
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, New Jersey  
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, New Jersey  
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 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 approximately \$62,000 in cash that includes \$31,400 in cash funds seized by search warrant from a safe deposit box rented in the name of Albert Grasch.

In addition, two Orders to freeze accounts have been issued by Superior Court Judge Raymond Batten freezing accounts in the approximate amount of \$79,300 owned by Stephen and Albert Grasch. A total cash asset that the Prosecutor's Office will seek forfeiture of is approximately \$141,000.

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