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Cape May Court House, New Jersey - Cape May County Prosecutor Robert L. Taylor and Sea Isle Police Chief Thomas D'Intino announce the arrest of 30 year old, Joseph Gioia following a multi-jurisdictional drug investigation, which included members of the United States Postal Service.

During the course of the investigation, members of the United States Postal Service were alerted to a suspicious package, which was suspected to contain contraband. The package, which originated from the State of California, was to be delivered to a residence in Sea Isle City, New Jersey.

At approximately 11:45 A.M., on July 5, 2011, members of the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office Gangs, Guns and Narcotics Task, Sea Isle Police Department and the United States Postal Service interviewed the recipient of the suspicious package identified as Joseph A. Gioia of the 100 East block of 76th Street. After speaking with Gioia it was determined that the package contained approximately 2lbs (800 grams) of marijuana. The estimated street value of the 800 grams of marijuana seized from this package is approximately \$9,800.00.

As a result of the investigation, Joseph A. Gioia was charged with Possession of Marijuana over 50 grams, a crime of the fourth degree and Possession of Marijuana with the intent to distribute over one ounce, a crime of the third degree.

Gioia was committed to the Cape May County Correctional Center in lieu of \$25,000 cash bail.

Persons convicted of third degree crimes are subject to three to five years in New Jersey State Prison and persons convicted of fourth degree crimes are subject to one to three years in New Jersey State Prison.

Prosecutor Taylor and Chief D'Intino would like to commend the members of the Sea Isle Police Department, United States Postal Service and the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office Gangs, Guns and Narcotics Task Force for their cooperative effort in this investigation.