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Press Release

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MOTOR VEHICLE STOP LEADS TO SIGNIFICANT DRUG SEIZURE IN LOWER TOWNSHIP

The Lower Township Police Department on January 13, 2010 at approximately 5 pm stopped a motor vehicle on Bayshore Road in the Villas section of Lower Township for an equipment violation. Upon approaching the vehicle the officers immediately smelled the odor of burnt marijuana. Upon further inquiry it was discovered that the passenger had an ecstasy pill in his possession and was placed under arrest.

The arrestee was identified as Romaine Rhett 34 years of age from the 800 block of Oakview Avenue in the city of Millville. Upon being transported to the Lower Township Police Department a search subsequent to his arrest disclosed that Rhett had additional narcotics in his possession specifically six bags of heroin, a bag of marijuana, a small bag of powder cocaine and a large bag of crack cocaine.

Rhett was processed and charged with possession of heroin; possession of marijuana; possession of cocaine; possession with intent to distribute heroin and possession with intent to distribute cocaine. Due to the weight of the cocaine Rhett is charged with a 2nd degree crime that can carry a term of confinement of 5 to 10 years incarceration. Judge David DeWeese set bail at \$25,000.00 and Rhett was lodged in the Cape May County Correctional Center in lieu of bail.

Detective Chis Lambert, Patrolman Dallas Bohn and Detective First Class Mel Hedum investigated the case.