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**PRESS RELEASE**

**ARRESTED:** Michael Francisco  
39 East Church Street  
Washington, NJ  
DOB 12-23-1987

Jestina Lamar  
39 East Church Street  
Washington, NJ  
DOB 2/17/1982

Michael Francisco and Jestina Lamar of 39 East Church Street, Washington, NJ were arrested following a two-month long investigation by Washington Township Police Department and the Warren County Prosecutor's Office Narcotics Task Force into reports of drug trafficking from the residence. Members of the Washington Township Police Department, the WCPO Narcotics Task Force, the Warren County Tactical Response Team, and the Washington Township Police Department K-9 Unit arrived at the residence in the early afternoon of Wednesday, 26 March 2014 and secured the premises. In addition to Francisco, three children were present along with three pitbull dogs. A Washington Township Police Department K-9 indicated on several locations in the residence, and the residence was thoroughly searched for drugs and drug trafficking proceeds. Among other contraband, law enforcement personnel found approximately one pound of marijuana that was in the process of being heat sealed in a plastic bag, a bong with several pipe attachments, and more than \$4,500 in U.S. currency.

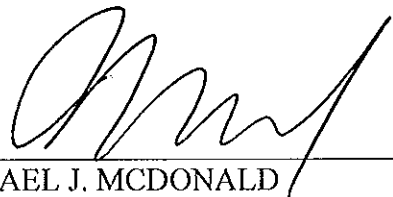
Francisco and Lamar were charged with Possession of CDS, third degree, Possession of CDS, fourth degree, Possession with Intent to Distribute CDS, fourth degree, Possession with Intent to Distribute CDS in a school zone, third degree, and Endangering the Welfare of Children, second degree. Both were detained in the Warren County Correction Center in lieu of \$100,000 bail. Additionally, both must establish any

money used for bail is not proceeds from drug trafficking. The three children were taken into protective custody by the Department of Children Protection and Permanency.

The second degree charges carry a maximum sentence of ten years New Jersey State Prison. The Third degree charges carry a maximum of five years in New Jersey State Prison.

Please be advised that the defendants are presumed innocent of all charges unless and until proven guilty.

Approved by:  
Date: March 28, 2014



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