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PRESS RELEASE

ARRESTED: Randy Gwaltney
312 High Street
Hackettstown, NJ
Date of Birth: 06/11/1971

Tiffany Michalko
208 Willow Grove Street
Hackettstown, NJ
Date of Birth: 12/05/1988

On 20 March 2014, Randy Gwaltney, residing at 312 High Street, Hackettstown, NJ and Tiffany Michalko, residing at 208 Willow Grove Street, Hackettstown, NJ were arrested after a two-month long undercover narcotics investigation into illegal drug trafficking and illegal weapon possession conducted by the Hackettstown Police Department, the Warren County Prosecutor's Office-Narcotics Task Force, Warren County MANTIS, and the Warren County Tactical Response Team. On 20 March 2014, personnel from the above listed agencies executed an arrest warrant at the residence of Tiffany Michalko. Subsequently, the above listed agencies executed a motor vehicle stop and a search warrant at Gwaltney's residence on High Street, Hackettstown, NJ. Police personnel recovered heroin, crack cocaine, drug paraphernalia as well as two rifles, five shotguns, four handguns, and several boxes of ammunition from Gwaltney's residence.

Tiffany Michalko is charged with:

1. one (1) count of possession with intent to distribute heroin, a third degree offense in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5b(3),
2. one (1) count of distribution of heroin, a third degree offense in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5b(3),
3. one (1) count of unlawful possession of heroin, a third degree offense in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10a(1).

Each third degree crime carries a maximum penalty of up to five (5) years in New Jersey State Prison.

Each third degree charge for unlawful possession, possession with intent to distribute, and distribution of heroin carries a maximum penalty of \$35,000.

Randy Gwaltney is charged with:

1. two (2) counts of possession with intent to distribute heroin, a third degree offense in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5b(3),
2. two (2) counts of distribution of heroin, a third degree offense in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5b(3),
3. four (4) counts of unlawful possession of heroin, a third degree offense in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10a(1).
4. one (1) count of unlawful possession of crack cocaine, a third degree offense in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10a(1).
5. one (1) count of possession of a firearm while committing and/or conspiring to commit distribution of CDS, a second degree offense in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-4.1a,
6. one (1) count of possession weapons, namely handguns, shotguns and rifles, knowing that he was a certain person not to have weapons, a second degree offense in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-7b(1), and
7. one (1) count of possession of prohibited weapons and devices, a third degree offense in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-3.

Each third degree crime carries a maximum penalty of up to five (5) years in New Jersey State Prison. Each second degree crime carries a maximum penalty of up to ten (10) years in New Jersey State Prison with a mandatory minimum period of parole ineligibility pursuant to the GRAVES Act.

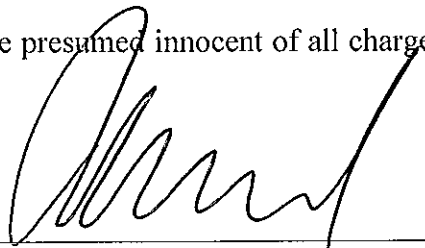
Each third degree charges for unlawful possession of heroin and crack cocaine carries a maximum penalty of \$35,000.

Tiffany Michalko was released on her own recognizance. First appearance before a Warren County Superior Court Judge is scheduled for today, Monday 24 March 2014 at the Warren County Superior Court House.

Randy Gwaltney was lodged in the Warren County Correctional Center in default of \$100,000 bail without a ten percent option. First appearance before Warren County Superior Court Judge Kimarie Rahill was scheduled for Friday 21 March 2014 at the Warren County Superior Court House.

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

Approved by:



MICHAEL J. MCDONALD
Acting Prosecutor of Warren County

Dated: March 24, 2014