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Main Line Take Over Project

Montgomery County District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman, Adams County District Attorney Shawn C. Wagner, Chester County District Attorney Thomas P. Hogan, Delaware County District Attorney John J. Whelan, Northampton County District Attorney John M. Morganelli, Philadelphia County District Attorney R. Seth Williams and Police Superintendent Michael J. McGrath of the Lower Merion Township Police Department, announce the arrest of eight (8) individuals, an arrest warrant on another and petitions on two (2) juveniles for the wide-spread distribution of drugs in area high schools and colleges. The "main line take over project", as it is described through seized text messages by the organization's two main drug suppliers, describe an entire business plan to take over the marijuana drug trade in local high schools and colleges in Montgomery and surrounding counties of Pennsylvania.

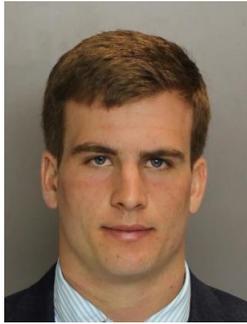
Together, these individuals sold cocaine, marijuana, hash oil and ecstasy to students at local Main Line high schools, colleges and fraternity houses. This investigation into drug trafficking led to the arrests of the organization's main drug suppliers, Montgomery County residents, Neil Scott and Timothy Brooks, both Haverford School graduates that were formerly affiliated with the lacrosse team. Charges have been filed against the following defendants:

SUPPLIERS

- 1) **Neil K. Scott**, 25 years old, 560 Barrett Avenue, Haverford, Pennsylvania; 2008 Graduate of The Haverford School, attended Connecticut College for three semesters before he dropped out after being sanctioned by the College for using marijuana and creating counterfeit identification cards;



- 2) **Timothy C. Brooks** , 18 years old, 613 Cedar Lane, Villanova, Pennsylvania; 2013 Graduate of The Haverford School, attended the University of Richmond in 2013 on a lacrosse scholarship and left after one semester;



SUB-DEALERS

- 3) **Daniel Robert McGrath** , 18 years old, 124 Scott Avenue, Glenolden, Pennsylvania, current student at The Haverford School;



- 4) **John Cole Rosemann** , 20 years old, 76 Lords Highway East, Weston, Connecticut, current student at Lafayette College;



- 5) **Christian Stockton Euler** , 23 years old, 1924 Firethorn Lane, Villanova, Pennsylvania, Graduate of the Haverford School, current student at Lafayette College;



- 6) **Garrett M. Johnson** , 18 years old, 73 Foxwood Drive, Jericho, New York, attends Haverford College;



- 7) **Reid Cohen** , 18 years old, 55 Hickory Court, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, attends Haverford College;



- 8) **Willow Lynn Orr** , 22 years old, 1939 Federal Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;



- 9) **Domenic Vincent Curcio** , 29 years old, 41 Shers Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19128;



- 10) **Juvenile T.J.B .**, 17 years old, resides with his parents, and is a student at Radnor High School;
- 11) **Juvenile M.G.M .**, 17 years old, resides with his parents, and is a student at Lower Merion High School.

"These arrests show that we are all affected by the cancerous and corruptive nature of illegal drugs," said District Attorney Seth Williams. DA Williams also said, "This is everyone's problem. As the father of three daughters, two of whom are still in middle school, it is jarring that drugs from California not only made it to our area but that high school students were being used as dealers. The days of believing 'it can't happen here' are long gone and I commend my colleague and friend, Risa Ferman and her hardworking office on these arrests."

In January of 2014, the Montgomery County District Attorney's Narcotics Enforcement Team and the Lower Merion Township Police Department initiated an investigation into a marijuana and cocaine trafficking organization, and identified Neil K. Scott and Timothy C. Brooks as the organization's principal suppliers. The investigation revealed that Scott was shipped bulk (pounds) marijuana from a California supplier. Shipments went to Scott's Haverford apartment, which was the base of his illegal drug operation. Scott also used his parent's home in Paoli, and Brooks' family home in Villanova to conduct their drug business. In addition to marijuana, Scott and Brooks sold cocaine, hash oil and MDMA (ecstasy) to students at several high schools and colleges. Scott and Brooks employed students from five (5) local high schools and (3) three colleges as sub-dealers to distribute cocaine, marijuana, hash oil and ecstasy.

- Lower Merion High School
- The Haverford School
- Harriton High School
- Conestoga High School
- Radnor High School.
- Gettysburg College
- Lafayette College
- Haverford College

District Attorney Ferman said, "parents across our community have chosen to send their children to these schools and colleges because they are some of the finest institutions of learning in the United States. These drug dealers, motivated by their own greed, sought to create a network to push poison into our educational institutions and take-over drug distribution on the Main Line. While parents sought to provide education to their kids, these defendants sought to use the schools to create drug addicts. The architects of the "main line take over project" had their chance at education and failed. They tried to infiltrate our schools, not for educational purposes, but to make money and to drag others into the downward spiral that their lives had become."

In addition to distributing narcotics from his apartment in Montgomery County, Neil Scott made regular trips to the campuses of Gettysburg College in Adams County and Lafayette College, in Northampton County, to deliver marijuana, MDMA and cocaine to sub-dealers.

Neil Scott encouraged college sub-dealers to locate new customers to offset his cost of driving to their campuses. Scott offered the sub-dealers incentives for locating new customers and making referrals. The incentives were lower prices for drugs and the opportunity to buy them on credit.

Text messages recovered during this investigation revealed that Neil Scott gave Timothy Brooks business advice on how to expand the sale of marijuana in local high schools. Brooks in return, supervised sub-dealers who sold marijuana at the local high schools. Brooks supplied them with marijuana and encouraged them to efficiently distribute drugs at their schools.

The high school sub-dealers were encouraged to sell at least one (1) pound of marijuana a week. Brooks encouraged his sub-dealers to meet their weekly quota. The incentives included a lower purchase price for marijuana in order to increase their profit margin.

Brooks instructed the high school sub-dealers to make certain there was always a constant supply of marijuana in their assigned school. Brooks said this was important to him because he remembered not always being able to buy marijuana when he was in high school.

From February 28, 2014 to April 9, 2014, detectives executed multiple search warrants and evidence of this drug trafficking organization was seized at 9 locations in the Pennsylvania Counties of Montgomery, Chester, Delaware, Northampton, Adams, and Philadelphia, including the homes of Neil Scott and Timothy Brooks. In total, the following items of significance were seized during the course of this investigation:

- Approximately 8 pounds of marijuana
- Approximately 3 grams of hash oil;
- Approximately 23 grams of cocaine;
- Approximately 11 grams of MDMA;
- \$11,035.00 in U.S. Currency;
- 1 loaded .223 caliber AR-15 Assault Rifle;
- 1 loaded 9mm semi-automatic pistol;
- 1 .22 caliber AR-15 style rifle;
- Additional .22 caliber, .223 caliber and 9mm ammunition;
- A 2007 Toyota 4 Runner sport utility vehicle;
- A 2009 Acura RDX sport utility vehicle;
- 8 cellular phones;
- 1 computer;
- Equipment and supplies used to manufacture butane hash oil;
- Numerous items of drug paraphernalia.

District Attorney Ferman said, “guns and drugs are a dangerous combination. Far too often we see drug trafficking intertwined with violent crime. The seizure of multiple dangerous firearms, along with the variety of drugs being pushed to our children by this

organization, make it clear to us that this operation posed a significant danger to our community, particularly the residential community that was unknowingly the hub of distribution here in Lower Merion Township.” “These drugs are a gateway to more dangerous drugs and far too often lead to bigger problems, and as District Attorney Ferman notes, drug and guns inevitably go hand in hand and endanger every community where this type of activity occurs,” said Superintendent Michael McGrath.

This four-month investigation included electronic and physical evidence along with witnesses’ statements to investigators. Those details served as the basis for the following criminal charges: **Corrupt Organization (18 Pa.C.S.A. § 911); the Manufacture, Delivery, and/or Possession with the Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (35 Pa.C.S.A. §780-113); Criminal Conspiracy (18 Pa.C.S.A. § 903); Dealing in Proceeds of Unlawful Activity (18 Pa.C.S.A. § 5111); Criminal Use of Communication Facility (18 Pa.C.S.A. § 7512) and other drug related charges.**

Chester County District Attorney Tom Hogan commented on the investigation that “drug dealers in Southeastern Pennsylvania work across the region. Prosecutors and detectives have to work the same way, cooperating across the region to beat the dealers at their own game.” This investigation is continuing and as Adams County District Attorney Shawn Wagner indicated “we partnered with the Montgomery County District Attorney’s Office early in this investigation and in partnership we will continue to investigate drug trafficking.”

“This successful investigation shut down a large-scale marijuana operation that removed drug dealers from the streets of Delaware County,” said Delaware County District Attorney Jack Whelan. “The sale of illegal drugs fuels a vicious cycle of addiction, property crimes and violence. The quality of life in the community is enhanced when drug dealers are held accountable for their crimes. I would like to commend the Montgomery County Drug Task Force, under the leadership of District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman, for their work on this investigation to make our communities safer for everyone.”

The defendants in custody will have their preliminary arraignments today at 12:00 pm before Montgomery County Magisterial District Judge Kathleen Valentine, whose Court is located at 116 A. Cricket Avenue in Ardmore.

This case will be prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Tonya Lupinacci and Assistant District Attorney Jason Whalley.

Approved for release:

Risa Vetri Ferman

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