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MAYS LANDING – Atlantic County Prosecutor Ted Housel announced in a press conference Tuesday, along with Jose Cordero the Statewide Director of Gangs, Guns and Violent Crime Control, the arrests of 65 suspects as part of Gov. Jon S. Corzine's Crime Plan initiative which focuses on investigations and arrests of those who sell narcotics and possess illegal weapons.

During a four-month investigation law enforcement officers seized heroin with a street value of more than \$60,000 and four-pounds of cocaine with a street value of \$85,000, marijuana, ecstasy and OxyContin pills. Fourteen illegal firearms were seized including semi-automatic handguns, revolvers and one assault weapon, Prosecutor Housel stated.

Of the suspects in custody, several of them are affiliated with the following gangs: Bloods, Back Maryland, Crips, 800 Block, 1st Street Mob, 5%, Latin Kings, MS13, Salaams, Tough Guys, 36612 and the Woodland Avenue Posse, Prosecutor Housel said.

Forty-nine of those arrested were already in custody for their alleged crimes. An additional 16 suspects were arrested in an early morning raid Tuesday. Prosecutor Housel emphasized that at least 30 more offenders will be arrested shortly. He thanked law enforcement officers who risked their lives to make the arrests, including the 100 officers who conducted Tuesday's raid.

For the first half of 2008 there were 16 homicides in Atlantic County. "A number of them were gang related," Prosecutor Housel said.

The Prosecutor assured that there will be a continued effort to arrest violent criminals in Atlantic County.

Director Cordero explained the three components of the plan to reduce violence in the state. Law enforcement officials must focus on dealing with at-risk youths, work to reduce recidivism rates and continue the development of law enforcement strategies.

“We are impressed by Atlantic County. They focused half of the year on the homicide rate and at the end of the day the violent crime rate is down.”

Cordero said just as Atlantic County is beginning to see the violent crime rate go down, so is the rest of the state. The initiative to arrest the most violent of offenders will continue. He also said if the gang members and other criminals think that just because their “number did not come up” yet, be assured it will in the future because the Crime Plan initiative is far from over.

The suspects were arrested in Egg Harbor City, Egg Harbor Township, Atlantic City, Brigantine, Hammonton, Galloway Township, Northfield, Pleasantville, Somers Point, Ventnor and Hamilton Township. Several police chiefs and other high-ranking officials from the departments attended the press conference.

Members of the Atlantic County Prosecutor’s Office, several local police departments and agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the ATF, the Drug Enforcement Agency, the New Jersey State Police and the Atlantic County Sheriff’s Department conducted the investigation.

*****These charges are merely an accusation and not proof of guilt. In all criminal cases, ha charged defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.**

Anyone with information involving serious crimes is asked to call the Atlantic County Prosecutor’s Office at 609-909-7800 or go to the Prosecutor’s Office Web site at <http://www.acpo.org/tips.html> and provide information by filling out the form anonymously on the Submit a Tip page. People can also call Crime Stoppers at 609-652-1234 or 1-800-658-8477 (TIPS). Crime Stoppers offers cash rewards for information leading to the arrest and indictment of those who commit crimes in Atlantic County.

Defendant	Age	City/Town	Degree	Charges
Alberto Morales	20	Atlantic City	1st	2C:35-10a(1), 2C:35-5b(1), 2C:5-2a(1)
Alphonso Aikens	31	Pleasantville	3rd	2C:35-10a(1), 2C:35-5b(3)
Anthony Morton	44	Atlantic City	3rd	2C:35-10a, 2C:35-7.1a, 2C:35-5b(3)
Anthony Scott	28	Pleasantville	3rd	2C:35-10a(1), 2C:35-5b(3)
Anthony Tartaglio	22	Ventnor	3rd	Distribution/Possession Marijuana
Arthur Gibbons	49	Ventnor	3rd	2C:35-10.5a(3)
Christina Brooks	21	Atlantic City	3rd	Possession of Cocaine under 1/2 ounce
Damar Asby	23	Mizpah	3rd	2C:35-10a(1), 2C:35-5a(1)
David Grant	21	Atlantic City	2nd	Distribution of Cocaine over 1/2 ounce
Donte Campos	20	Pleasantville	3rd	2C:35-10a(1), 2C:35-7, 2C:35-5a(1), 2C:36-2
Edward Lominac	48	Egg Harbor Township	2nd	2C:12-1b(2), 2C:39-4a, 2C:39-5c, 2C:39-7a
Eric Dawkin a.k.a. "FatE"	36	Egg Harbor Township	2nd	Distribution of Imitation CDS
Eric Mercado	23	Hammonton	3rd	2C:35-10a(1), 2C:35-5b(2)
Ernest Sandoz a.k.a. "Chino"	33	Galloway	2nd	2C:35-10a (2 counts), 2C:35-5b(2) (2 counts), 2C:35-7 (2 counts)
Eudean Dobson	26	Egg Harbor City	DP	2C:45-10a(4)
Evelyn Enright	26	Mays Landing	3rd	2C:35-10a(1)
Herman Nelson	24	Egg Harbor Township	3rd	Distribution/Possession Cocaine under 1/2 ounce
Jamal Folks	24	Atlantic City	3rd	Distribution/Possession Cocaine under 1/2 ounce
James Buford	20	Pleasantville	3rd	2C:35-10a(1), 2C:35-7, 2C:35-5a(1), 2C:35-7a(1), 2C:36-2
James Cummings	26	Egg Harbor City	2nd	2C:35-10a(1), 2C:35-5b(4), 2C:5-2a(1)
James Dewald	30	Egg Harbor City	3rd	2C:35-10a(1)

James Graves	55	Atlantic City	3rd	Possession of Heroin
James Jones	31	Mizpah	3rd	2C:35-10a(1), 2C:35-5(b)(3), 2C:39-4a(1), 2C:35-7
James Mayfield	24	Monroville	2nd	2C:35-10a(1), 2C:35-5(b)(4), 2C:5-2a(1)
James Mays	25	Egg Harbor City	3rd	2C:35-10a(1), 2C:35-5b(3), 2C:35-7.1
Jessica Kisby	23	Egg Harbor Township	2nd	2C:39-4a, 2C:39-5c(2), 2C:39-6g, 2C:5-2a(2)
Jibreel Harmon	20	Atlantic City	2nd	2C: 35-10a, 2C:35-5b(3), 2C:35-7.1a, 2C:39-4.1a, 2C:5-1a(1)
Jimmara Carpenter	24	Atlantic City	2nd	2C:35-10a(1), 2C:35-7, 2C:39-3f(1), 2C:35-5a(1), 2C:35-7.1, 2C:39-4.1a
Joe Martinez	19	Ventnor	3rd	2C:35-5(b)(3), 2C:35-10a(1)
Jose Santiago	29	Egg Harbor City	2nd	2C:35-10a, 2C:35-5, 2C:35-7
Karen Garcia	37	Brigantine	2nd	2C:5-2a(1), 2C:35-10a(1), 2C:35-5b(2)
Kenneth Laws	23	Ventnor	3rd	Possession of CDS, Distribution of CDS
Kevin Dean	24	Pomona	3rd	2C:35-10a, 2C:35-7.1
Kristina Minnella	26	Egg Harbor Township	3rd	Distribution/Possession Cocaine under 1/2 ounce
Lamar Johnson	32	Egg Harbor Township	2nd	2C:35-10a, 2C:35-5b, 2C:39-4, 2C:39-4.1
Landy McAllister	59	Atlantic City	3rd	Possession of Heroin
Leonora Tennant	44	Atlantic City	3rd	Possession of Heroin/Cocaine under 1/2 ounce
Leroy Young	50	Atlantic City	3rd	2C:35-5(b)3, 2C:35-5
Leslie "Scooter" Carmen	37	Egg Harbor Township	3rd	Distribution of Cocaine under 1/2 ounce
Mark Toulson	25	Atlantic City	2nd/3rd	2C:35-5b(3), 2C:35-7, 2C:35-7.1
Marlow Guerrier	20	Pleasantville	3rd	2C:35-10a(1), 2C:35-5a(1)
Michael Jackson	31	Egg Harbor City	2nd	2C:35-10a, 2C:35-5b(3), 2C:35-7.1, 2C:39-4.1, 2C:5-2
Quashawn Fisher	20	Atlantic City	2nd/3rd	Possession of Cocaine, Possession w/Intent to Distribute

Renato Hernandez	37	Atlantic City	N/A	Outstanding Warrants
Richard Martinez	18	Egg Harbor City	2nd	2C:35-10, 2C:35-5b(3), 2C:39-4b, 2C:39-5b
Robert Henson	24	Atlantic City	3rd	2C:35-10a(1), 2C:35-5b(3)
Ryan Dowdal	23	Egg Harbor City	3rd	2C:35-10a
Samuel Miller	36	Somers Point	2nd	2C:35-10a(1), 2C:35-7.1a, 2C:35-5b(2)
Sean Bezanson	21	Galloway	4th	2C:35-5b(12), 2C:35-10a(4)
Shaquan Jones	21	Mizpah	3rd	2C:35-5b(3), 2C:35-10a(1), 2C:39-4a(1), 2C:35-7
Alan Ozdamar				
Tasheema Ragsdale	31	Brigantine	1st/2nd/3rd	Possession of CDS, Possession w/Intent, Conspiracy to Dist. CDS
Terrence Kidd	25	Egg Harbor Township	3rd	Distribution/Possession Cocaine under 1/2 ounce
Tony Griffin	35	Atlantic City	1st	2C:35-10a(1), 2C:35-7.1, 2C:39-5f, 2C:35-5a(1), 2C:39-3J, 2C:39-7b, 2C:35-
Carlos Setien-Estrada	41	Atlantic City	3rd	Distribution/Possession Cocaine under 1/2 ounce

