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Cash Seized in July Drug Raid Will Aid Orange Police

In July, members of the Orange Police Department Narcotics Task Force, assisted by members of the Essex County Sheriffs Office Bureau of Narcotics, executed a narcotics search warrant at 725 Park Avenue, Apt.2J, East Orange. This was part on an ongoing investigation of drug dealing in Orange.

Police recovered 113 bricks (5,061 folds) of heroin with a street value of \$56,000, \$122,284 in US Currency, and a loaded .9mm handgun. Arrested was the target of the investigation, Darren Row, 35 of East Orange.

Today, Mayor Eldridge Hawkins, Jr. and Police Director John Rappaport announced that Orange expects to receive \$45,802, its share of the seized cash. The funds will be used to aid law enforcement activities. The \$45,802 represents the major portion of \$46,742 in forfeited funds that Orange expects to receive from the office of Essex County Prosecutor Paula Dow for arrests dating back to 2005.

Statement by Mayor Eldridge Hawkins, Jr.

“Under the leadership of Police Director John Rappaport, the Orange Police Department has established a strong working relationship with county, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. This major arrest was the result of that cooperation. Our policy in Orange is to use forfeited funds to strengthen law enforcement. Our continuing cooperation with law enforcement groups at every level will make Orange safer, and as a side benefit, assist our police department in its mission.”