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NJ Parole Officers Seize Arsenal of Weapons, Drugs

BRIDGETON – New Jersey State parole officers seized an arsenal of weapons, including assault rifles, handguns and hollow point ammunition, along with amounts of cocaine and marijuana during a search of a parolee's home Saturday, July 12.

Senior Parole Officer Michael Cullen and Senior Parole Officer James Jones arrived at parolee Lamar Jenkins' Bridgeton residence at about 7 am. Based on reasonable and articulable suspicion, they obtained authorization from Parole Sergeant Tina Wheaton to search the residence for evidence of violation of parole conditions.

Their search resulted in the seizure of a Ruger mini-14 assault rifle with a scope; a Bushmaster .223-caliber assault rifle, a Colt .38-caliber handgun, a snub-nosed .38-caliber revolver, an M-1911 .45-caliber semi-automatic pistol, one-fifth gram of cocaine, 10 ounces of marijuana, 16 rounds of .38-caliber hollow point ammunition, 74 rounds of .9 mm ammunition, 43 rounds of .357 ammunition; various clips and magazines; and \$700 in cash.

The State parole officers arrested Jenkins, 23, who is charged with two counts of Unlawful Possession of Weapons – Assault Weapons; three counts of Unlawful Possession of Weapons – Handguns; two counts of Possession of CDS; one count of Certain Persons Not to Have Weapons; one count of Possession of Body Armor Penetrating Bullets; one count of Possession of Large Capacity Magazine; and one count of Possession of Defaced Firearm. He was taken to Cumberland County Jail and held on \$90,000 bail. The Bridgeton Police Department assisted with securing of the firearms as evidence.

The New Jersey State Parole Board (SPB) is New Jersey's lead reentry agency, and works to ensure ex-prisoners return to society as law-abiding citizens. As required by law, appointed Parole Board Members and staff conduct more than 20,000 hearings per year, solicit input from victims and decide parole matters. SPB's sworn parole officers supervise more than 15,000 offenders statewide. In addition, SPB is New Jersey's primary law enforcement agency responsible for sex offender supervision. SPB officers are also active partners with multiple Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies and task forces. Finally, SPB's Community Programs Unit partners with government, non-profit and private agencies to connect ex-prisoners with vocational, mental health and related services, targeted to break the cycle and risk of crime.

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