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PRESS RELEASE

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On July 11, 2012 the Mount Laurel Police Department in conjunction with officers from the Westampton Police Department and the Cherry Hill Police Department conducted a reversal prostitution sting in the Hotel / Motel district of Mount Laurel Township resulting in the arrest of twelve individuals. The primary objectives of this operation were:

1. To put everyone within the prostitution industry at enhanced risk of identification, apprehension and prosecution;
2. To deter all prostitution related offenses and activities from the Hotel / Motel district of the Township; and
3. To identify and apprehend the patrons of prostitutes with the goal of reducing the ancillary crimes associated with this type of activity. The ancillary crimes associated with prostitution range from petty theft and narcotics offenses to robbery, promoting prostitution, sexual assault and human trafficking.

Mount Laurel is home to twenty-six hotels and motels, ranging from economy motels to business class hotels and state of the art luxury hotels. In 2011 the Mount Laurel Police Department conducted 47 investigations into prostitution related activity within the Township which resulted in the arrest of 49 individuals for various offenses. The Mount Laurel Police Department has partnered with area businesses and local law enforcement agencies to address the crimes that affect the quality of life for all of those who reside in, do business in, and visit Mount Laurel.

This operation could not have been successful without the cooperation of our local business partners in the hotel industry. The operation was funded in part by our partners at MAGLOCLLEN (Middle Atlantic-Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network). These operations will continue until criminal prostitution organizations are eradicated from the Township.

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The following individuals were arrested during the operation. All were served with criminal complaints and released pending a court hearing:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHARGE</u>
Bryan A. Mendenhall, age 31, of Bensalem, PA	Loitering for the Purpose of Engaging in Prostitution
Soby Itty, age 44, of Sicklerville, NJ	Engaging in Prostitution
Gregory J. Truitt, age 43, of Medford, NJ	Engaging in Prostitution
Edward T. Keenan, age 32, of Browns Mills, NJ	Engaging in Prostitution
William G. Wilson, age 50, of Delran, NJ	Loitering for the Purpose of Engaging in Prostitution
John P. Peralta, age 30, of Voorhees, NJ	Engaging in Prostitution
Saurabh Sarin, age 35, of Voorhees, NJ	Engaging in Prostitution
John W. Henrie, age 39, of Mount Laurel, NJ	Engaging in Prostitution
Warren S. Jones Jr., age 57, of Pitman, NJ	Engaging in Prostitution
Kaushal R. Prajapati, age 36, of Cherry Hill, NJ	Engaging in Prostitution
Edward K. Whiteley, age 57, of Pennsauken, NJ	Engaging in Prostitution
Nicholas C. Colangelo, age 25, of Delran, NJ	Engaging in Prostitution

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