



Trenton Police Department

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Drug charges lead to Aggravated Child Abuse

On March 4, 2008 Trenton police officers Lieutenant James Wilson and Sergeant Shawn Evans with the 28th Judicial District Violent Crime and Drug Task Force, while on patrol observed suspicious activity in the parking lot of the laundry mat located on Lexington Street, Chief of Police Will Sanders said. Officers Wilson and Evans approached the individuals as they entered the laundry mat for further investigation.

As the officers enter the building they observed a male individual hand a female some type of objects. The female then placed the objects down the back part of the pants of a 1 year old child. The officers were able to see part of what appeared to be a plastic bag hanging on the outside of the child's pants. Officers took the child from the female and upon taking possession of the child; a plastic bag containing a white rock like substance believed to be crack cocaine fell out the pants.

The officer's then searched the child's pants and found another plastic bag containing a green leafy like substance believed to be marijuana, said Chief Sanders.

The officers have charged Zachary Schmitz, 21 years of age, who listed an address of 299 Narrow Gauge Road in Trenton with Possession of a Schedule II controlled substance with intent to deliver, manufacture or resale and Possession of a Schedule VI controlled substance. Also charged was Erika Adams, 19 years of age, who listed the same address as Zachary Schmitz. She has been charged with Possession of a Schedule II controlled substance with intent to deliver, manufacture or resale, Possession of a Schedule VI controlled substance and Aggravated Child Abuse/ Neglect.

Zachary Schmitz is being held without bond and is scheduled to appear in Trenton Municipal Court on March 14, 2008 at 9:30 AM. Erika Adams bond was set \$100,000.00 dollars and she is to appear in Trenton Municipal Court on March 14, 2008 at 9:30 AM.

The chief explained the Aggravated Abuse/Neglect charge against Erika Adams stems from her alleged use of a child in the concealment of illegal drugs/narcotics.

This is another example of the cooperation between the Drug Task Force and the Trenton Police Department working together to reduce the drug use and drug dealing in the city, said Chief Sanders.