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West Orange Detectives Make Arrests After Three Month Undercover Drug Investigation

March 31, 2014 – WEST ORANGE, NJ – West Orange undercover detectives and NJ Division of Taxation investigators conducted a three month narcotics investigation that resulted in the arrests of two grocery store owners on a variety of charges.

Investigators began their lengthy investigation of El Primo Mini-Market & Grocery Store, located at 320 Main Street West Orange, after police received numerous citizen complaints and tips, which resulted in the arrests of the store's owners, Rafael Caberea, 58, and Luisa Cabrera, 47, of 5 South Maple St East Orange, NJ.

Police seized approximately 60 Oxycodone pills, called Endocet, a controlled drug substance with a street value of \$600. The investigation also resulted in the seizure of \$585 which is believed to be derived from the sales of drug transactions, drug paraphernalia, hundreds of loose and untaxed cigarettes and other illegally obtained tobacco products.

The suspects were charged with possession of Endocet, distribution of a controlled drug substance within 1,000 feet of a school and distribution of a controlled substance within 500 feet of a park, among other charges. Charges stemming from the NJ Division of Taxation include possession of contraband cigarettes and engaging in cigarette transactions with unlicensed persons, among other charges.

"I commend our police detectives, who worked diligently for months on this investigation, proving that we will stop at nothing to find and arrest those who engage in illegal drug activity in West Orange," Mayor Robert Parisi said.

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