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The New Castle County Police have arrested 25- year- old **Jennifer Chadwick**, 32 – year- old **Antonio Graves**, and 28- year- old **Jerimiah Feaster**, all from the 5500 Block of Heritage Court Drive, Wilmington, 19808. All three have been charged with various drug and firearm related offenses as well as endangering the welfare of a child. In addition to locating drugs and firearms officials located 17 dangerous reptiles.

(Wilmington, Del.- 19808)On Friday, March 20, 2015 at approximately 8:00 a.m., officers from the state of Delaware Probation and Parole Absconder Team responded to an apartment within Heritage Court Apartments to the locate a subject wanted for multiple court warrants and violation of probation. Upon entry into the home, the team discovered three occupants one of which was attempting to destroy a large amount of suspected crack cocaine. The team took all three subjects into custody without incident and located a three-year-old inside the home.

The New Castle County Police Safe Streets Unit was contacted and responded to assist with the investigation. While on scene, officers noticed several homemade cages containing Monitor lizards. Due to the excessive amount of exotic animals and the deplorable condition of the residence, several agencies were requested to assist in the investigation. These agencies included Kent County SPCA, Delaware Department of Natural Resources, representatives of the Brandywine Zoo, New Castle County Code Enforcement, and the State Division of Family Services.

With the assistance of several representatives from the Brandywine Zoo, a total of 16 Monitor lizards and 1 Columbian Red Tailed Boa-Constrictor were removed from the apartment. Police learned there were Savannah Monitors, Water Monitors, and Black-

throated Monitors. Several of the lizards were up to 6 feet in length and were described by Zoo staff as deadly and extremely dangerous, especially around children. These lizards were not legal to own and are considered an exotic species.

Officers from the New Castle County Safe Streets Unit obtained search warrants and located approximately 115 grams of suspected crack cocaine, over 99 grams of suspected marijuana, several controlled prescription medications, and paraphernalia indicating the sales of these drugs. Also located during the search were two loaded handguns one of which was hidden within the residence.

The child was removed from the residence and turned over to a family member. The apartment was condemned and deemed unfit for human habitat by New Castle County Code Enforcement. The lizards were taken by the Kent County SPCA to a reptile rescue in New Jersey.

Jennifer Chadwick was charged with possession of a controlled substance, three counts of drug dealing, possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, possession of a firearm by a person prohibited, possession of ammunition by a person prohibited, conspiracy in the second degree, maintaining a drug property, possession of marijuana, endangering the welfare of a child, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Jennifer also had several capiases and her probation was violated. She was committed to Delores J. Baylor Women's Correctional Institution in lieu of \$395,850.00 cash bail.

Antonio Graves was charged with possession of a controlled substance, three counts of drug dealing, possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, two counts of possession of a firearm by a person prohibited, conspiracy in the second degree, possession of marijuana, endangering the welfare of a child, and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was committed to the Howard Young Correctional Institution in lieu of \$365,000.00 cash bail.

Jerimiah Feaster was charged with possession of a controlled substance, 3 counts of drug dealing, tampering with evidence, possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, two counts of possession of a firearm by a person prohibited, conspiracy in the second degree, possession of marijuana, endangering the welfare of a child, and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was committed to the Howard Young Correctional Institution in lieu of \$370,500.00 cash bail.

Images courtesy of New Castle County Police Department



Monitor Lizard



Cages



Antonio Graves



Jerimiah Feaster



Jennifer Chadwick