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Sheriff Armando Fontoura stated that detectives from his department's Bureau of Narcotics, working with United States Postal Inspectors and South Orange police officers, intercepted the delivery of 17 pounds of marijuana as it was being delivered to two suspects outside of a residence, located at 160 Holland Road in South Orange.

Immediately upon taking possession of two Home Depot shipping boxes, Alphanso Chisholm, age 28, and his younger brother, 25-year-old Omar Chisholm, both of Irvington, were placed under arrest.

The shipping packages contained Spackle buckets. The marijuana, with an estimated street value of \$80,000, was hidden in the buckets.

The residents of 160 Holland Road are not involved with the drug delivery and were not charged with criminal activity.

The Chisholm brothers were charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance, possession of CDS with intent to distribute and conspiracy to violate New Jersey's narcotics laws.

Superior Court Judge Robert H. Gardner set bail at \$150,000 on the two suspects who are being held at the Essex County Correctional Facility where they await arraignment on today's charges.

In a second plainclothes operation, Sheriff Fontoura said that BON detectives raided an abandoned house, located at 411 South 14th Street in Newark. The house is two doors away from West Side High School.

In a crawlspace on the first floor, the sheriff's officers discovered a drug stash that contained 1000 decks of heroin, 150 bags of cocaine, a fully loaded United States Army Colt. 45 semi-automatic handgun and a 9mm, Intertec-9 with a fully loaded high capacity magazine. The street value of the drugs is estimated at \$12,000.

This investigation is on-going and the arrest of a suspect is imminent.