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SUBJECT: Lawson Arrested for Drug and Gun Offenses

On Monday January 12, 2009 around 12:05 p.m., a Newark Police officer executed a traffic stop on a vehicle operated by Richard Lawson on Elkton Road in Newark, after the officer observed Lawson commit traffic violations. During the encounter with Lawson, the officer could smell the odor of burnt marijuana. A search of Lawson's car led to the discovery of 8 grams of crack cocaine.

As a result, a search warrant was obtained for Lawson's house at 7 Phelps Lane, Newark. Seized during the search of the residence were: one 9 mm handgun with a loaded magazine, 214 grams of marijuana, over \$600 cash, and products used for the packaging and distribution of illegal drugs.

Lawson was charged with the following offenses, and was committed to the Howard Young Correctional Facility in default of \$30,000 bond.

Richard C. Lawson, III	May 19, 1988 (20 years of age)	7 Phelps Lane, Newark, DE	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Possession with Intent to Deliver Crack Cocaine2. Possession with Intent to Deliver Marijuana3. Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony4. Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited5. Possession of Ammunition by a Person Prohibited6. Maintaining a Vehicle for Keeping Controlled Substances7. Maintaining a Dwelling for Keeping Controlled Substances8. Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
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