



# Mount Laurel Police Department

## Press Release

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On August 25, 2016 the Mount Laurel Police Department conducted a prostitution sting in the Hotel / Motel district of Mount Laurel Township resulting in the arrest of five individuals. Undercover officers posed as prostitutes as well as patrons of prostitutes during the operation. The primary objectives of this operation were to identify and apprehend those who participate in the offense of prostitution with the goal of reducing the crimes associated with this type of activity. The crimes associated with prostitution range from theft and narcotics offenses to robbery, promoting prostitution, sexual assault and human trafficking. We also wish to deter all prostitution related offenses from the Hotel / Motel district of the Township.

The Mount Laurel Police Department has partnered with area businesses to address the crimes that affect the quality of life for all of those who reside in, do business in, and visit Mount Laurel. The operation was supported by our partners at MAGLOCLLEN (Middle Atlantic-Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network). These operations will continue until criminal prostitution organizations are eradicated from the Township.

The following individuals were arrested during the operation. All were served with criminal complaints and released pending a court hearing:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHARGE</u>
Mariah L. Hoyt, age 20, of Mantua, NJ	Engaging in Prostitution
Julia M. Plytas, age 27, of Mantua, NJ	Engaging in Prostitution
Ashley Laub, age 28, of Saint George, UT	Engaging in Prostitution
Donald F. Wadsworth, age 54, of Mullica Hill, NJ	Engaging in Prostitution
John R. Salyerds, age 60, of Pennington, NJ	Engaging in Prostitution

*All persons are considered innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.*