

## Town of Wallkill Police Department

## MEDIA RELEASE

For Immediate Release December 22, 2021

**Incident:** One Arrest – Criminal Possession of Controlled Substance

Location: 518 Route 17M, Town of Wallkill, NY

Date/Time: December 18, 2021 / 1:43 am

On Saturday, December 18, 2021 at 1:43 am, Police Officers Elizabeth Leonardi and John Zonneveld, conducted a vehicle stop in the parking lot of 518 Route 17M. After a brief investigation, a search of the defendant and the defendant's vehicle led to the recovery of 10 grams of cocaine and approximately five thousand five hundred and fifty five dollars in US Currency. The defendant, Adonis Mercedes, a 24 year old, male, Newark New Jersey resident, was arrested and charged with Criminal Possession of Controlled Substance Third Degree.

The defendant was released with an appearance ticket to appear before Judge Peter Green, at the Town of Wallkill Court on January 5, 2022 at 9:00am.

A criminal charge is merely an allegation by the police that a defendant has committed a violation of the criminal law, and it is not evidence of guilt. All defendants are presumed innocent and entitled to a fair trial, during which it will be the State of New York's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Robert McLymore Lieutenant

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