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4 people arrested, \$150K worth of drugs seized, NJ. State Police say

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New Jersey State Police troopers have arrested four people and seized hundreds of thousands of dollars-worth of heroin and other drugs, authorities said Tuesday.

Some of the drugs were linked to fatal overdoses, according to the State Police. The investigation lasted four months and allegedly included drug trafficking in both New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

The four suspects were arrested March 16 when officers found about \$150,000 worth of drugs and more than \$5,000 cash, officials said.

Some of the packages of drugs were stamped with brand names. Stamps seized in Trenton included one labeled “Facebook,” which was linked to two deadly overdoses, while another called “187” may be connected to a non-fatal overdose in the Garden State, officials said.

One suspect was from Pennsylvania.

Lawrence Priester, 39, of Morrisville was charged with maintaining or operating a drug production facility and two counts of possession, according to the release.

Priester packed heroin and fentanyl for distribution in Trenton and Bucks County, officials said.

The other three suspects were from New Jersey.

Rosa Lind, 36, was charged with possession and running a drug facility. Tyran Kelsey, 35, faces possession with intent to distribute and money laundering charges. Both are from Trenton, police said.

Deniece Reeves, 26, is from Browns Mills and charged with money laundering and possession with intent to distribute, according to police.

It was not immediately known if the four have lawyers. Priester remains in Bucks County jail while Kelsey and Reeves are in the Mercer County Jail. Lind was released ahead of a court date, police said.

In recent years, troopers have dismantled dozens of opioid mills, arrested hundreds of suspects and seized 165 guns and millions of dollars-worth of drugs, officials said.

“The opioid epidemic recognizes no borders, jurisdictions, or state lines, which is why we will continue to work together with our partners across the river to shut down processing mills,” Col. Pat Callahan, acting superintendent of the State Police, said in a statement.

The operation was led by the State Police’s Crime Suppression Central Unit and the Opioid Enforcement Task Force. Troopers were helped by Trenton SWAT officers, West Windsor police, the Bucks County Prosecutor’s Office and agents from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, officials said.