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**PRESS RELEASE:
SUPER 8 MOTEL HEROIN DISTRIBUTION INVESTIGATION**

At approximately 6:00 P.M. on 08/31/2016, members of the Pennsylvania State Police, Frederick City Police and the Franklin County Drug Task Force executed a search warrant at 735 Buchanan Trail East, in Antrim Township, Franklin County. The search warrant was the result of an investigation into the distribution of heroin from Room 127 of the Super 8 Motel. Chauncey Coates was identified during the course of this investigation as a distributor of heroin and was subsequently placed under surveillance by law enforcement. During surveillance conducted on Coates, he was found to be associated with Room 127 of the Super 8 Motel, 735 Buchanan Trail East, in Antrim Township. Surveillance was then established on the motel. Investigators subsequently observed Coates and Amanda Groh exit the motel room and get into a vehicle. The vehicle was then followed into Maryland, where a traffic stop was conducted. Coates and Groh were found to be in possession of a large quantity of heroin during the traffic stop. A search warrant was then obtained for Room 127 of the Super 8 Motel and was executed at 6 P.M. on 8/31/2016.

During the search of the motel room, investigators found a large quantity of heroin, a digital scale, packaging material, and a small amount of marijuana. During this investigation, investigators seized a total of 92.5 grams of heroin.

As a result of this investigation, Coates and Groh were both charged with Possession With Intent To Deliver a Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Possession of a Small Amount of Marijuana in Franklin County, in addition to numerous heroin trafficking-related charges in Maryland.

The Pennsylvania State Police, the Franklin County District Attorney's Office, and the Frederick City Police Department participated in this investigation.

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Anyone with information regarding this investigation or other drug activity occurring within Franklin County is asked to contact the Franklin County Drug Task Force at 1-800-344-3127 or by email at tips@drugtaskforce.org. Anonymous tips may also be submitted through our website: www.drugtaskforce.org. All information provided is confidential and callers may remain anonymous if they wish.

**NOTE: The defendants are accused of the above offenses, and readers are reminded that all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.*