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## 3 Years in State Prison for Attempted Heroin Possession



**ALBANY, NY-** District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that EMMANUEL ZAPATA, 22, of Albany, was sentenced to 3 years in State Prison before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

On November 19, 2013, ZAPATA pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a Class C Felony.

On April 26, 2013 on the New York State Thruway in the City of Albany, the defendant was pulled over by New York State Troopers for having a loud exhaust and front tinted windows on his vehicle. Upon speaking with ZAPATA, Troopers quickly detected a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle and called for a K-9 officer to be brought to the scene.

The K-9 officer, after circling the vehicle, gave Troopers the signal that drugs were possibly in the vehicle, prompting a search. When Troopers looked into the vehicle, they were able to locate a secret compartment underneath the center console that had over 750 decks of heroin inside, as well as marijuana.

Assistant District Attorney Jasper Mills of the Street Crimes Unit handled the prosecution of this case.

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**View of the secret compartment from beneath the vehicle**



**The contents of the compartment, 750 decks of heroin and a quantity of marijuana**

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