

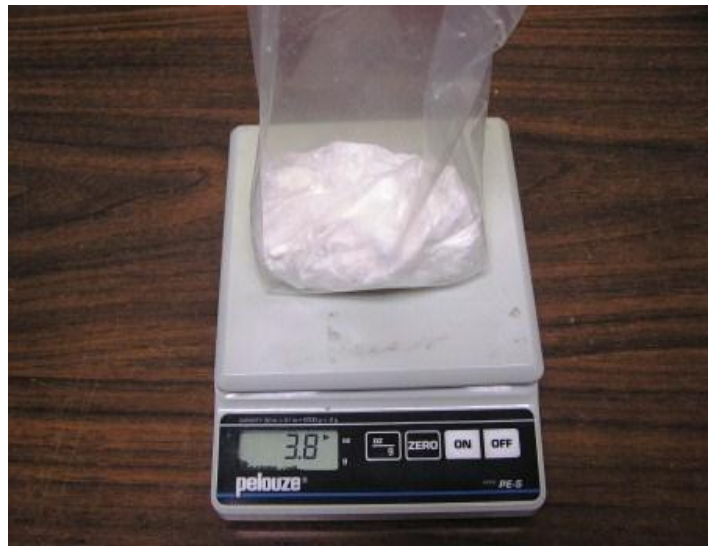


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Queens Man Sentenced to 4 ½ Years in State Prison for Possessing 3.8 Ounces of Cocaine

Led State Police on over 100mph chase from Menands through Troy



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that ALLEN MITCHELL, 34, of Queens, New York, was sentenced to 4 ½ years in State Prison before the Honorable Stephen Herrick in Albany County Court this morning.

On November 21, 2013, MITCHELL pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a Class C Felony

On February 11, 2013 on Interstate 787 in the Village of Menands, the defendant was a passenger in a vehicle that was pulled over for a traffic infraction by a New York State Police Trooper. When the Trooper approached the vehicle, the defendant misrepresented himself and provided the Trooper with inconsistent information regarding his identity.

The Trooper then removed the driver from the vehicle to ask him questions regarding the defendant's identity. The defendant then slid over from the passenger seat into the driver's seat and sped away, leading Troopers on a chase that reached speeds of over 100mph.

The defendant then headed towards the City of Troy where he stopped his vehicle and attempted to flee on foot but was quickly apprehended. While evading arrest the defendant threw a bag out of the window that was later recovered by Troopers and contained 3.8 ounces of cocaine.

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

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