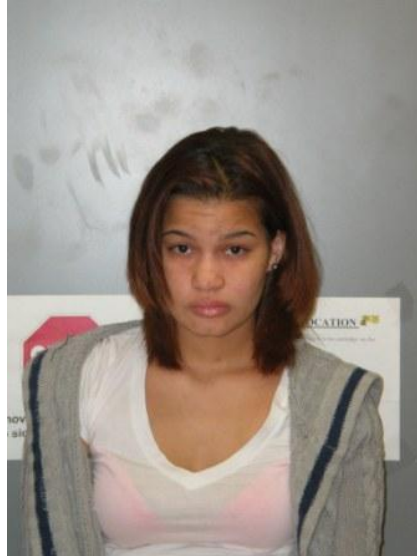




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Woman Who Hid Heroin, Crack Cocaine Inside of Her Pleads Guilty



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **KIARA MALDONADO**, 19, of Manhattan, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a Class C Felony, before the Honorable Stephen Herrick in Albany County Court on December 5, 2013.

On July 25, 2013 on Interstate 87 in the Village of Ravena, New York State Police Troopers stopped a vehicle that the defendant was a passenger in for a traffic violation. During the stop, the Troopers smelled the marijuana and removed all of the occupants from the vehicle.

As the defendant got out of the vehicle, the Trooper observed her throw something underneath the vehicle. Upon closer inspection, the Trooper found a bag containing crack cocaine and heroin. It was determined that the defendant had the bag hidden inside a body cavity and removed it when she thought the Trooper was not looking.

MALDONADO faces 1 year in State Prison and 1 years of Post Release Supervision when sentenced on January 7, 2014.

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

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