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## Cocaine Trial Ends With Guilty Plea



**ALBANY, NY** - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that BURTON PAYNE, 45, of Schenectady, pleaded guilty to (2) Counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, both Class B Felonies, (1) Count of Criminally Using Drug Paraphernalia in the Second Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor, (1) Count of Unlawful Possession of Marijuana, a Violation, and (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Seventh Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor, before Honorable Judge Roger McDonough in Albany County Supreme Court yesterday afternoon.

On April 18, 2014, while at his residence on 2194 Central Avenue in the Town of Colonie, PAYNE did possess approximately 15 ½ grams of cocaine with the intent to sell it, in addition to possessing a quantity of marijuana and the controlled substance methadone. A search warrant

executed by the Colonie Police Department uncovered over 25 baggies of cocaine, in addition to a digital scale and thousands of printed baggies assembled for the packaging of drugs.

PAYNE pleaded guilty after the close of the People's proof in a jury trial that had already been underway for two days.

PAYNE faces 6 years in State Prison, to be followed by 3 years of Post-Release Supervision, when sentenced on January 16, 2015.

Assistant District Attorney Joseph Brucato of the Street Crimes Unit prosecuted this case.

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