

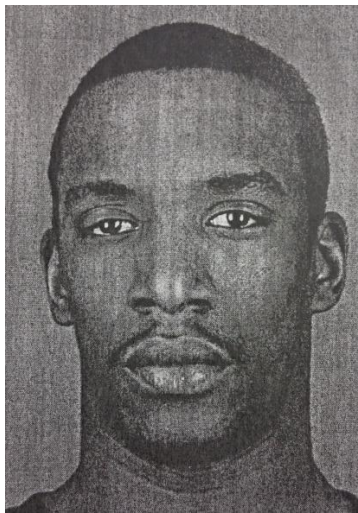


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## **Crack Cocaine Dealer Who Left His Own Trial Found Guilty by Jury**



**ALBANY, NY** - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that NAQUAN WILLIAMS, 40, of Albany, was found guilty in Absentia following a jury trial of (1) Count of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a Class B Felony, before the Honorable Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Court.

An investigation led by the Albany Police Department did reveal that on November 21, 2011, in front of 3 Lincoln Square, located in the City of Albany, WILLIAMS did knowingly and unlawfully sell a quantity of crack cocaine for a sum of \$150 dollars of United States Currency.

Trial against WILLIAMS began Tuesday in Albany County Court. After witness testimony on Wednesday, WILLIAMS left the courthouse and did not return. The trial continued in his absence. It took the jury approximately 10 minutes to deliberate before reaching a verdict.

WILLIAMS faces 6 -15 years to Life in State Prison as a potential persistent felon. The sentencing date will be determined when WILLIAMS is brought into custody.

Assistant District Attorney Jasper Mills of the Street Crimes Bureau is prosecuting this case.

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