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## Guilty Plea for Heroin Trafficker



**ALBANY, NY** - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that NICHOLAS ZERVOS, 47, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a Class B Felony, before Honorable Judge Roger McDonough in Albany County Supreme Court this morning.

On July 16, 2014, at approximately 1:25pm, in the area of Elizabeth and Katherine Streets in the City of Albany, ZERVOS did sell a quantity of heroin in exchange for US Currency.

ZERVOS faces 4 years in State Prison, to be followed by 2 years of Post-Release Supervision, when sentenced on December 12, 2014. ZERVOS will also be ordered to forfeit a mini-van that he used to transport heroin.

ZERVOS, along with alleged co-defendants, was part of a network of an alleged heroin ring in Albany County. The alleged co-defendants are accused of transporting and selling quantities of heroin throughout the region using taxi cabs that were typically being driven by alleged known associates.

On September 10, 2014, co-defendant DONTE JOSEPH, 23, of Coeymans, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the First Degree, a Class A-II Felony, before Honorable Judge Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court. On July 31, 2014, at approximately 12:15pm, at an apartment at 1779 Central Avenue in the Town of Colonie, JOSEPH did attempt to possess a quantity of over eight ounces of heroin.

JOSEPH faces 7 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post-Release Supervision, when sentenced on November 7, 2014. JOSEPH will also be ordered to forfeit any property or money seized by law enforcement.

Assistant District Attorney Joseph Brucato of the Street Crimes Unit is prosecuting these cases.

For more information please contact Cecilia Walsh at (518) 275-4710.

*All parties are presumed to be innocent unless and until proven guilty*

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