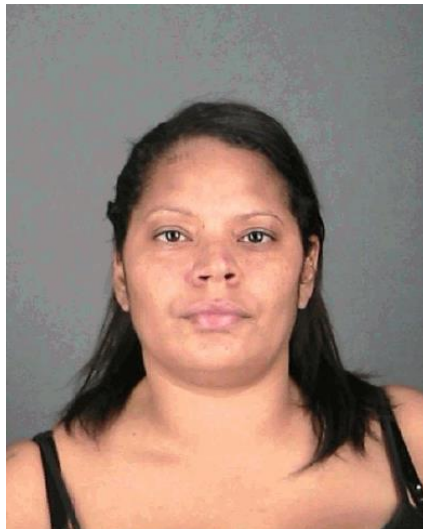




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Guilty Verdict After Drug Possession Trial



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that OCTAVIA HALL, 38, of Albany, was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a Class B Felony, before Honorable Judge Stephen W. Herrick in Albany County Court yesterday afternoon.

On April 29, 2015, the Albany Police Department did execute a search warrant at a residence on Jeanette Street as part of an illegal weapons investigation after a recent shooting in the City of Albany. The search uncovered over 35 grams of crack cocaine in HALL'S bedroom, in addition to a box of crumpled US currency in the amount of \$4,440.

HALL, who previously served 3 years in State Prison for a 2008 Welfare Fraud conviction, faces up to 12 years in State Prison when sentenced on February 11, 2016.

Assistant District Attorney Alexander Scher of the Street Crimes Unit prosecuted this case.

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