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## **Guilty Verdict After Drug Possession Trial**

*Defendant Leaves Courtroom Before Verdict and Warrant Issued for Arrest*



**ALBANY, NY-** District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that KEION KIRKLEY, 41, 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, and (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Fourth Degree, a Class C Felony, before Honorable Judge Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court yesterday afternoon.

On September 8, 2015, the Albany Police Department did execute a search warrant at a residence on Livingston Avenue in the City of Albany as part of an ongoing investigation. The search uncovered

approximately 13.5 grams of crack cocaine tied in a plastic baggie in a sneaker located in KIRKLEY'S bedroom.

The jury trial against KIRKLEY commenced on Monday of this week. Sometime during jury deliberations on Wednesday, KIRKLEY, who was out of custody after previously posting bail, left the courthouse of his own accord and was not present on Thursday afternoon when the jury rendered a verdict of guilty on two counts of the three count indictment levied against him. A warrant has been issued by the Court for his arrest.

KIRKLEY faces up to 12 years in State Prison when sentenced on October 20, 2016.

Assistant District Attorney Megan Spillane of the Street Crimes Unit prosecuted this case.

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