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Guilty Verdict in Trial of Crack Den Drug Dealer



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that HENRY SMITH, 65, of Albany, was found guilty after 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 Supreme Court this afternoon.

An investigation led by the Albany Police Department did reveal that on April 12, 2013 on Madison Avenue in the City of Albany, SMITH did sell a quantity of illegal narcotics, specifically (5) tie off baggies of crack cocaine.

While on the stand during trial, SMITH did admit that the home the drugs were being sold from is a known a “crack den.” The jury deliberated for less than 20 minutes before reaching a verdict.

“Shutting down drug houses has been a priority of our Safe Homes, Safe Streets program, which focuses on ensuring that neighborhoods remain safe for families who live in the City of Albany,” commented DA David Soares. “Keeping drug traffickers off of the streets and out of our community will improve the quality of life for our citizens.”

SMITH, also known as “Pops,” was remanded to the custody of the Albany County Correctional facility after the verdict. Due to previous criminal convictions that could aggravate sentencing guidelines, SMITH faces up to 15 years in State Prison when sentenced on May 28, 2014.

Assistant District Attorney Joseph Brucato of the Street Crimes Unit is handling the prosecution of this case.

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