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Heroin Ring Leader Pleads Guilty



ALBANY, NY - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that IRVING PRADO, 40, of Colonie, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Second Degree, a Class A-II felony, before the Honorable Judge Stephen Herrick in Albany City Court, on Wednesday, July 15.

On July 31, 2014, at approximately 12:15 p.m., in the area of 1779 Central Avenue in the Town of Colonie, IRVING did knowingly and unlawfully possess 12 ounces of heroin and over 1/8 ounce of cocaine. IRVING was the leader of a heroin ring in Albany County that transported and sold quantities of heroin throughout the region using taxi cabs.

IRVING faces 10 years determinate in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post-Release Supervision, when sentenced on August 19, 2015. IRVING 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 this case.

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