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Jail Contraband Defendant Sentenced to 7 Years for Cocaine Possession



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that WALTER RIVERS, 43, of Troy, was sentenced to 7 years in State Prison, to be followed by 3 years of Post Release Supervision, before the Honorable Roger D. McDonough in Albany County Supreme Court this morning.

On November 30, 2016, RIVERS pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a Class B Felony.

On May 23, 2016, at approximately 10:48 P.M., members of the New York State Police conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle heading north on I-787 in the City of Albany and uncovered RIVERS to be in possession of over one-half ounce of cocaine.

The guilty plea fully satisfied Conspiracy and Contraband Promotion charges attributed to this defendant for conduct of arranging, devising, and planning the exchange of contraband while he was in custody in the Albany County Correctional Facility during the time period of September 29, 2016 through October 12, 2016.

Assistant District Attorney Joseph Brucato prosecuted this case.

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