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Man Sentenced for Possessing Crack Cocaine During Hospital Stay



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that EFRAIN ACEVEDO III, 23, of Albany, was sentenced to (3) years in State Prison before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning for possessing crack cocaine with the intent to sell while he was a patient at Albany Medical Center.

On March 13, 2014, ACEVEDO was convicted following a jury trial of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a Class B Felony.

On October 30, 2012 at Albany Medical Center, nurses smelled a strong odor of marijuana coming from the defendant's hospital room and called security officers to investigate. The defendant, who was admitted to the hospital due to a stabbing injury he received several days earlier, confessed to smoking marijuana and also admitted to having additional marijuana in his book bag.

As security officers removed the marijuana from the bag they also discovered 31 grams of crack cocaine in his coat pocket.

Assistant District Attorney Jasper Mills of the Street Crimes Unit is handling the prosecution of this case.

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