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## Maximum Sentence for Heroin Trafficker



**ALBANY, NY-** District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that HECTOR GOMEZ, 21, of New York, was sentenced to 9 years in State Prison, to be followed by 2 years of Post Release Supervision, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

GOMEZ was previously found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a Class B Felony.

A jury found that on April 18, 2017, while traveling Northbound on I-87, in the Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, New York State Police conducted a traffic stop. Troopers detected the odor of marijuana to which GOMEZ admitted

to smoking earlier in the day. During the investigation Troopers were able to uncover a secret compartment that had been installed in GOMEZ'S vehicle which contained over 2,000 bags of heroin valued at approximately \$20,000.

Assistant District Attorney Alexander Scher of the Street Crimes Unit prosecuted this case.

For more information please contact the Albany County District Attorney's Office at [AlbanyDA@albanycountyny.gov](mailto:AlbanyDA@albanycountyny.gov).

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**Drugs Found in GOMEZ's Vehicle**



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