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## 8 Years in State Prison for Crack Cocaine Possession



**ALBANY, NY** – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that DASHAWN CROOKS, 35, of Albany, was sentenced to 8 Years in State Prison, to be followed by 3 Years of Post Release Supervision, before the Honorable Andrew Ceresia in the Supreme Court of Albany County this morning.

On July 12, 2013, CROOKS was found guilty after a jury trial of (2) Counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, both Class B Felonies.

The jury did find CROOKS guilty of having in his possession with intent to sell over ½ ounce of crack cocaine, specifically 69 grams. After engaging in an investigation, the Albany Police Department executed a search warrant of CROOKS' resident on November 29, 2012.

During the execution of the search warrant, police observed CROOKS throw a clear plastic bag out of a second story window, which was recovered and found to contain crack cocaine. Inside of the residence police also recovered a digital scale and a quantity of plastic baggies consistent with the bag used to package the crack cocaine that was thrown by the defendant.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jasper Mills of the Street Crimes Unit.

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