



Office of the District Attorney
P. David Soares
6 Lodge Street
Albany, New York 12207
(518) 487-5460
(518) 487-5093 FAX

CONTACT: CECILIA WALSH, (518) 275-4710
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2013

Albany Man Pleads Guilty after Traffic Stop Uncovers 750 Bags of Heroin



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that EMMANUEL ZAPATA, 22, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a Class C Felony, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

On April 26, 2013 on the New York State Thruway in the City of Albany, the defendant was pulled over by New York State Troopers for having a loud exhaust and front tinted windows on his vehicle. Upon speaking with ZAPATA, Troopers quickly detected a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle and called for a K-9 unit to be brought to the scene.

The K-9 unit, after circling the vehicle, gave Troopers the signal that drugs were possibly in the vehicle, prompting a search. When Troopers looked into the vehicle, they were able to locate a secret compartment underneath the center console that had over 750 bags of heroin inside, as well as marijuana.

ZAPATA faces 3 years in State Prison, to be followed by 2 years of Post Release Supervision when sentenced on January 3, 2014.

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

For more information please contact Cecilia Walsh (518) 275-4710.



View of the secret compartment from beneath the vehicle (**People of the State of New York vs. Emmanuel Zapata**)



The contents of the compartment, 750 bags of heroin as well as a quantity of marijuana (**People of the State of New York vs. Emmanuel Zapata**)