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23 1/2 Year Prison Sentence for Repeat Drug Sale and Possession Offender



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that JEFFREY BUTLER, 35, of Albany, was sentenced today to 23 1/2 years in State Prison, before the Honorable Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Supreme Court this morning.

On March 20, 2017, BUTLER pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a Class B Felony, and (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a

Controlled Substance in the Second Degree, a Class A-2 Felony. The guilty plea fully satisfied un-charged acts associated with witness tampering and intimidation, as well as criminal solicitation.

On May 4, 2016, at approximately 6:50 P.M., on Morton Avenue in the City of Albany, an ongoing investigation by members of the Albany Police Department uncovered BUTLER selling a quantity of crack cocaine for a sum of United States Currency.

In a separate case, on June 7, 2016, at approximately 8:10 P.M., on Bogart Terrance in the City of Albany, members of the Albany Police Department found BUTLER to be in possession of over 216.6 grams of crack cocaine and 40 grams of heroin.

In addition, as this case was in the pre-trial hearing phase, law enforcement was notified that a witness in the case was threatened.

BUTLER has an extensive criminal history, and was facing a 6 year prison sentence for violating Drug Court when these incidents occurred. In addition to the 6 years imposed for the Drug Court violation, BUTLER was sentenced to 9 1/2 years in State Prison for the Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Second Degree charge, and 8 years in State Prison for the Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree charge. BUTLER was sentenced as a predicate felony offender, and all three sentences are to run consecutive to one another, leading to a combined sentence of 23 1/2 years in State Prison.

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

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