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## Guilty Verdict in \$20,000 Heroin Drug Bust



**ALBANY, NY** - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that HECTOR GOMEZ, 21, of New York, was found guilty by jury trial of (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a Class B felony before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court Friday afternoon.

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 dollars.

GOMEZ faces 9 years in State Prison when sentenced on December 22, 2017.

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

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**Drugs Found in GOMEZ's Vehicle**



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