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Jail Contraband Defendant Pleads Guilty to Cocaine Possession



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that WALTER RIVERS, 43, of Troy, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a Class B Felony, before the Honorable Roger D. McDonough in Albany County Supreme Court this morning.

On May 23, 2016, at approximately 10:48 P.M., members of the New York State Police conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle heading north on I-787 in the City of Albany and uncovered RIVERS to be in possession of over one-half ounce of cocaine.

This guilty plea is in full satisfaction of Conspiracy and Contraband Promotion charges attributed to this defendant for conduct of arranging, devising, and planning the exchange of contraband while he was in custody in the Albany County Correctional Facility during the time period of September 29, 2016 through October 12, 2016.

RIVERS faces 7 years in State Prison, to be followed by 3 years of Post Release Supervision, when sentenced on January 20, 2017.

Assistant District Attorney Joseph Brucato is handling the prosecution of this case.

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