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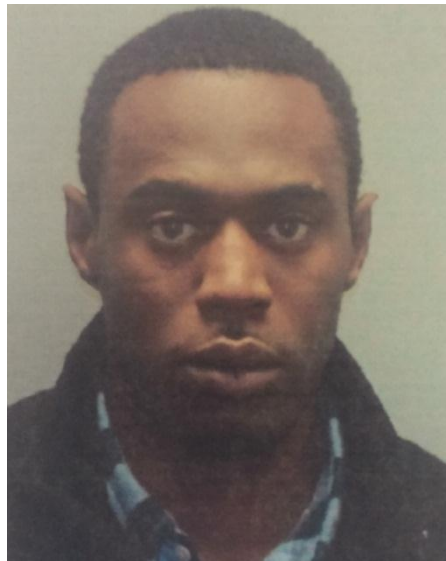
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## **Man Sentenced for Being in Possession of More Than Half a Kilo of Cocaine**



**ALBANY, NY-** District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **BRANDELL WATKINS**, 31, of Utica, was sentenced to 7 years determinate in State Prison, to be followed by

5 years of Post-Release Supervision, before the Honorable Judge Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

On April 10, 2015, WATKINS pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Second Degree, a Class A-II Felony.

On March 12, 2015, at approximately 6:59 p.m., members of the New York State Police pulled a vehicle over on I-87 in the Town of Guilderland for speeding. Upon approach of the vehicle, officers observed visible marijuana residue on the rear driver's side floor in plain view. A search of the trunk revealed approximately 500 grams of cocaine in the rear driver side wheel well.

Assistant District Attorney Joseph Brucato of the Street Crimes Unit prosecuted this case.

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