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Sentencing in Drug Possession Case



ALBANY, NY - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **MATTHEW GENTRY** 29, of Schenectady, will serve 10 years in State Prison followed by 3 years of Post Release Supervision for possession of cocaine and heroin.

On September 25, 2017, **GENTRY** was found guilty after a jury trial of three (3) Counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a Class B Felony. This

morning, in Albany County Court, the Honorable Peter A. Lynch sentenced him to 10 years in prison and 3 years post release supervision on each of the three counts, to be served concurrently.

The jury concluded that on April 8, 2016, at around 12:50 AM, while inside of room #105 at the Stardust Motor Inn, in the Town of Colonie, County of Albany, GENTRY did possess a quantity of cocaine and heroin and did so with the intent to sell. At around 12:10 AM, Colonie Police arrived at the Stardust Motor Inn on regular patrol. Upon arrival, they met an individual in the parking lot and based on that encounter, they began a drug investigation at the Stardust. During the course of their investigation, officers uncovered a room number and a phone number associated with the suspected drug activity. The officers responded to room #105 and GENTRY, who was present there, revealed to officers that he had a bag of drugs in his pants. Officers uncovered the drugs and found that GENTRY did possess more than ½ ounce of crack cocaine as well as 83 individual bags of heroin on his person.

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

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