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State Prison Sentence for Illegal Drugs and Gun Possession



ALBANY, NY - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that VASILIOS KALABAKAS, 38, of New York, NY, was sentenced to 8 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post- Release Supervision, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

On December 12, 2018, KALABAKAS was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the First Degree, a Class A-1 Felony, (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Second Degree, a Class A- II

Felony, (3) Counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, each Class B Felonies, (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a Class C Armed Violent Felony, (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Seventh Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor, and (1) Count of Unlawful Possession of Marihuana, a Violation.

After hearing testimony, reviewing the presented evidence, and deliberating after trial, the jury found that on March 15, 2018, at approximately 10:27 PM, while on Interstate 87 North in the City of Albany, KALABAKAS was the passenger of a vehicle involved in a traffic stop initiated by the New York State Police. Further investigation found KALABAKAS to be knowingly and unlawfully in illegal possession of several controlled substances and a firearm. Specifically, a search of the car revealed a hidden trap behind the glove box containing approximately 192 grams of cocaine (both crack and powdered form), approximately 61 grams of heroin, a loaded .40 caliber Smith and Wesson, semi-automatic pistol, pills and marijuana.

Street Crimes Bureau Chief Jessica Blain-Lewis handled the prosecution of this case.

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Hidden Trap behind the Glove Box



Illegal Drugs and Weapon Discovered Inside

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