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7 Years in State Prison for Crack Cocaine Sale



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that JUSTIN TELLIS, 36, of Albany, was sentenced to 7 years in State Prison, to be followed by 3 years of Post Release Supervision, before the Honorable Stephen Herrick in Albany County Court this morning.

On January 16, 2013 in the City of Albany, the defendant was observed selling crack cocaine by a member of the Albany Police Department.

On July 26, 2013, TELLIS pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a Class C Felony and was sentenced to 5 years of Felony Probation and required to enroll in the Albany County Drug Court program. As part of the conditions of his participation in the program, the defendant agreed to not be arrested for any crime.

On December 10, 2013 in the City of Albany, the defendant was arrested and charged with (2) Counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Seventh Degree, both Class A Misdemeanors, and (2) Counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Fifth Degree, both Class D Felonies. As a result of this arrest, the defendant violated the conditions of his participation in the Drug Court program.

Assistant District Attorney Sean Childs of the Street Crimes Unit and Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hauf of the Major Offense Unit handled the prosecution of this case.

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