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## **10 Years in Prison for Defendant Who Fled Before Sentencing**



**ALBANY, NY** - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that KAWAUN BARNES, 39, of Albany, was sentenced to 10 years in State Prison, to be followed by 3 years of Post Release Supervision, before the Honorable Roger D. McDonough in Albany County Supreme Court yesterday.

On May 13, 2014, at approximately 6:07 P.M., at the intersection of Courtland Place and State Street in the City of Albany, BARNES sold a quantity of heroin.

On May 20, 2014, at approximately 5:40 P.M., between Courtland Place and State Street in the City of Albany, BARNES sold a quantity of heroin.

On March 9, 2015, BARNES pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a Class B Felony. BARNES was scheduled to be sentenced to up to 8 years in State Prison on May 22, 2015, but BARNES did not appear in court and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Nearly 2 years later, on February 1, 2017, in the City of Albany, BARNES was pulled over by members of the Albany Police Department in a traffic stop. BARNES was found in possession of a quantity of cocaine and was arrested.

Due to BARNES violating the terms of his previous plea agreement, Judge Roger D. McDonough imposed an increased sentence to 10 years in State Prison, to be followed by 3 Years of Post Release Supervision.

Assistant District Attorney Joseph Brucato prosecuted this case.

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