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Crack Den Drug Dealer Gets 8 Years After Trial



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that HENRY SMITH, 65, of Albany, was sentenced to 8 years in State Prison, to be followed by 3 years of Post-Release Supervision, before the Honorable Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Supreme Court this morning.

On April 9, 2014, SMITH was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a Class B Felony.

An investigation led by the Albany Police Department did reveal that on April 12, 2013 on Madison Avenue in the City of Albany, SMITH did sell a quantity of illegal narcotics, specifically (5) tie off baggies of crack cocaine.

While on the stand during trial, SMITH did admit that the home the drugs were being sold from is a known a “crack den.” The jury deliberated for less than 20 minutes before reaching a verdict.

“Shutting down drug houses has been a priority of our Safe Homes, Safe Streets program, which focuses on ensuring that neighborhoods remain safe for families who live in the City of Albany,” commented DA David Soares. “Keeping drug traffickers off of the streets and out of our community will improve the quality of life for our citizens.”

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

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