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## **Defendant Sentenced After Previously Fleeing Court Proceeding**



**ALBANY, NY** - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **KEION KIRKLEY**, 41, of Albany, was sentenced to 5 years in State Prison, to be followed by 2 years of Post Release Supervision, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

On September 8, 2015, the Albany Police Department did execute a search warrant at a residence on Livingston Avenue in the City of Albany as part of an ongoing investigation. The search uncovered approximately 13.5 grams of crack cocaine tied in a plastic baggie in a sneaker located in **KIRKLEY'S** bedroom.

On August 26, 2016, KIRKLEY was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a Class B Felony, and (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Fourth Degree, a Class C Felony. Sometime during jury deliberations, KIRKLEY, who was out of custody after previously posting bail, left the courthouse of his own accord and was not present on when the jury rendered a verdict of guilty on two counts of the three count indictment levied against him. A warrant was filed, and on December 7, 2016, U.S. Marshals arrested KIRKLEY and placed him into custody.

Assistant District Attorney Megan Spillane of the Street Crimes Unit prosecuted this case.

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