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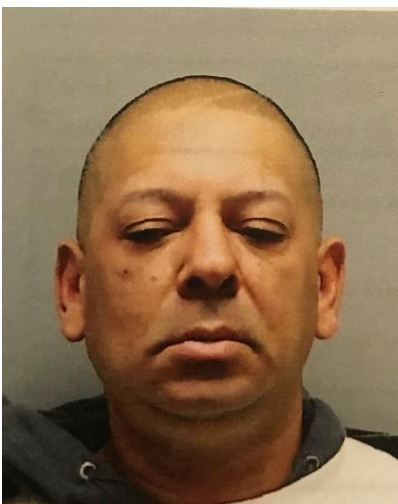
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## **Driver Found Guilty in Illegal Drug Possession Trial**



**ALBANY, NY** – District Attorney P. David Soares today announced that SIMON GORIS, 50, of Albany, was found guilty after a bench trial of (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the First Degree, a Class A-I Drug Felony, (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a Class B Drug Felony, and (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a Class C Armed Violent Felony, before the Honorable William A. Carter in Albany County Court this afternoon.

The Court found that on January 14, 2018, at approximately 3:23 AM, while on Interstate 87 in the Village of Ravena, GORIS did knowingly and unlawfully possess over eight ounces of a narcotic drug with the intent to sell it and also illegally possessed a loaded firearm. Specifically, on the above stated date, time, and location, officers of the New York State Police initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle in which GORIS was the driver. Further investigation discovered GORIS to be in illegal possession of approximately 900 grams of cocaine and a loaded handgun.

GORIS faces up to 24 years in State Prison when sentenced on March 14, 2019.

Assistant District Attorney Stephen Lydon of the Street Crimes Unit is handling the prosecution of this case.

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