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Guilty Plea for Drug Charges



ALBANY, NY - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **MATTHEW VAN TASSEL**, 29, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a Class C Felony, before the Honorable Judge Stephen Herrick in Albany County Court this morning.

At the same location, 11 Second Avenue in Albany, on two separate dates, February 23, 2015, at approximately 6:33 p.m. and March 6, 2015, at approximately 4:46 p.m., **VAN TASSEL** did knowingly and unlawfully sell a quantity of heroin to another person for a sum of US currency.

VAN TASSEL faces 4.5 years determinate in State Prison, to be followed by 3 years of Post-Release Supervision, when he is sentenced on July 28, 2015.

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

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