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Guilty Verdict in Drug and Strangulation Trial



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that ERNEST MULLER, 45, of Albany, was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Strangulation in the Second Degree, a Class D Violent Felony, (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a Class B Felony, and (1) Count of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a Class B Felony, before the Honorable Stephen W. Herrick in Albany County Court this afternoon.

On July 6, 2013, police responded to a call to assist a female victim who reported an assault in the City of Watervliet. An investigation uncovered that the victim was strangled by a person known to her. The jury determined that at about 9:30pm, while in a residence on First Street in the City of Watervliet MULLER did intentionally strangle a female victim, impeding her normal breathing and causing her to lose consciousness. Additionally, the jury also found that MULLER did possess and sell a quantity of cocaine.

MULLER was remanded in to custody after the verdict. MULLER faces up to 12 years in State

Prison when sentenced on July 17, 2014.

Assistant District Attorney Brett Knowles of the Special Victims Unit prosecuted this case.

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