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## Harris Sentenced in March 2018 Homicide Case



**ALBANY, NY** – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that TAMALE HARRIS, 44, of Albany, was sentenced to a total of 9 ½ to 19 years in State Prison, before the Honorable Roger D. McDonough in Albany County Supreme Court this morning in relation to the 2018 March homicide of 24 year old Keisha Richards.

On March 12, 2019, HARRIS was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Manslaughter in the Second Degree, a Class C Felony, (1) Count of Concealment of a Human Corpse, a Class E Felony, and (1) Count of Conspiracy in the Fifth Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor.

After hearing witness testimony and reviewing the presented evidence at trial, the jury found that on the 14th and 15th days of March, 2018, HARRIS, personally or while acting in concert with others, recklessly caused the death of Keisha Richards when, knowing that she was experiencing an overdose due to toxic consumption, transported her from Columbia Turnpike in the City of Rensselaer to a residence on Partridge Street in the City of Albany, where she was left for approximately twelve hours without medical attention and then discarded in a snowbank whereupon she was discovered and subsequently pronounced dead.

After review of HARRIS' previous felony conviction and the facts of this incident, the Court deemed HARRIS a predicate felon at sentencing today and imposed a consecutive sentence of a total of 9 ½ to 19 years in State Prison.

Street Crimes Bureau Chief Jessica Blain-Lewis and Assistant District Attorney Megan Spillane handled the prosecution of this case.

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