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Jurors Return Guilty Verdict in Drug Case



ALBANY, NY - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that ISMAEL ALMONTASER, 22, of Brooklyn, was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Criminal Possession of Marijuana in the First Degree, a Class C Felony, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court yesterday afternoon.

On June 30, 2013, at approximately 9:30 p.m., State Police on the Thruway at Albany stopped a 2006 Infiniti G35 sedan being driven by ALMONTASER at mile post marker 132.7 north bound in the Town of Coeymans, Albany County, for traveling 93 mph in a 65 mph zone. While Troopers were interviewing the driver they smelled a very strong odor of marihuana coming

from the vehicle and conducted a probable cause search. While searching the trunk of the Infiniti, troopers discovered a large black duffel bag which was found to contain 13 individual bags of marihuana with a total weight of just under 14 pounds.

ALMONTASER faces up to 5 ½ years in State Prison when sentenced on March 6, 2015.

Assistant District Attorney Jasper Mills of the Street Crimes Unit prosecuted this case.

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