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Major Drug Trafficker Found Guilty of Witness Tampering After a Jury Trial



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that MANUEL LUNA, 51, of Queens, was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Witness Tampering in the Third Degree, a Class E Felony, before the Honorable Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Supreme Court late yesterday afternoon.

On November 18, 2016, LUNA was sentenced to 15 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post Release Supervision, after being found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Operating as a Major Trafficker, a Class A-I Felony, (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the First Degree, a Class A-I Felony, and (1) Count of Conspiracy in the Second Degree, a Class B Felony.

A jury found that in November 2015, on Albany Shaker Road in the City of Albany, LUNA did threaten a witness that was planning to testify in his upcoming trial, stating “I will kill you and your family if you testify against me” in an attempt to instill fear and prevent testimony.

LUNA faces 1 1/3 to 4 years in State Prison when sentenced on May 5, 2017.

Assistant District Attorney Megan Spillane of the Street Crimes Unit prosecuted this case.

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