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Persistent Felon Sentenced



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that KASEEM POINTER, 42, of Albany, was sentenced after a jury trial to 20 years to Life in state Prison, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this afternoon.

On October 24, 2017, POINTER was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a Class C Armed Violent Felony, (3) Counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, Class B Felonies, (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Fourth Degree, a Class C Felony, and

(1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Seventh Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor.

A jury found that on January 10, 2017, in an apartment in the area of Third Avenue, in the City of Albany, POINTER did knowingly and unlawfully possess a loaded firearm that was reported stolen to the Polk County Sheriff's Office on June 2, 2016. POINTER was previously convicted of attempted murder on August 8, 1995 in Kings County Supreme Court; Illegal Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon in US Federal Court; Attempted Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Fifth Degree and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Fourth Degree in Queen's County Supreme Court. He also did knowingly and unlawfully possess a sneaker box containing approximately 17.6 grams of crack cocaine and approximately 7.56 grams of heroin.

Additionally, a jury found that on January 20, 2017, while at South Station at Arch Street, in the City of Albany, POINTER did knowingly and unlawfully possess a quantity of cocaine.

Assistant District Attorney Brittany Grome of the Major Offense Unit and Assistant District Attorney Colin D'Arcy of the General Felony Unit prosecuted this case.

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