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District Attorney Hoovler Announces Eleven Year Prison Sentence In Narcotics Possession Case

*Newburgh Man Sentenced to Eleven Years in Prison for Possessing 491 Decks of Heroin
Having a Street Value of approximately \$5,000*

*Convicted After Trial of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree,
and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Fourth Degree*

Orange County District Attorney David M. Hoovler announced that on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, Davonte Hawkins, 28, of Newburgh, was sentenced to eleven years in state prison and five years post-release supervision for possessing heroin with intent to sell it. On May 1, 2017, Hawkins was convicted after a trial before Orange County Court Judge Craig Stephen Brown of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Fourth Degree, for possessing 491 “decks” of heroin on August 2, 2016, on Grand Street, in the City of Newburgh. Hawkins was found guilty of possessing the heroin, which had an aggregate weight of over one-eighth ounce, with the intent to sell it.

On August 2, 2016, Hawkins attempted to discard the narcotics by tossing them over a fence, when he saw police in his vicinity. The narcotics were recovered from where Hawkins threw them. Witnesses at the trial testified that the heroin had a street value of approximately \$5,000.

Hawkins was sentenced by Judge Brown to eleven years in state prison and five years post-release supervision, for committing the crime of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, for possessing the heroin with intent to sell it, and was sentenced to five years in prison and three years post-release supervision for the crime of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Fourth Degree, for possessing over one-eighth of an ounce of heroin. Both sentences are to run concurrently, for a total of eleven years in state prison and five years post release supervision.

District Attorney Hoover thanked the City of Newburgh Police Department for their arrest and investigation of the case, and the New York State Police for their assistance in the investigation of the case.

“Those who sell heroin attempt to profit from the very substances which are devastating our communities and destroying so many lives,” said District Attorney Hoover. “I commend the City of Newburgh Police Department and the New York State Police for their professional investigation of case and their arrest of the defendant. Our community will be safer during the decade that this defendant is in state prison.”

District Attorney Hoover highly commended Assistant District Attorney Theresa Cayton who prosecuted the case.

