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JURY CONVICTS RENSSELAER MAN OF THIRD DRUG FELONY

Rensselaer County District Attorney Joel E. Abelow announced today that Alexander Luciano, age 34, was convicted by a jury of two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Fourth Degree, a class C felony, and 3 counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Seventh Degree, a class A Misdemeanor. The verdict came today following a three day trial in Rensselaer County Court.

In the morning hours of April 24, 2015, members of the Troy Police Department and Rensselaer Police Department executed a search warrant at the defendant's residence. Inside, detectives located 6.27 grams of heroin, 3.8 grams of MDMA, and a large marijuana grow operation, as well as \$12,270 in cash and other drug related paraphernalia.

As a result of his conviction, Luciano will face a maximum of eight (8) years in state prison as a predicate felon, but is eligible to be sentenced as a persistent felony offender, which carries a maximum sentence of 25 years to life in state prison. Luciano had previously been convicted of Attempted Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree (C Felony) in 2008, and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree (B Felony) in 2003. He was sentenced to state prison on both prior felony convictions. The defendant will be sentenced on Friday, June 24, 2016, at the Rensselaer County Courthouse before the Honorable Debra J. Young.

"We're grateful the jury found this repeat drug offender guilty. The hard work of the Rensselaer and Troy Police Departments has taken another felon off our streets. Given the defendant's criminal history, my office intends to seek an appropriately severe sentence under the law."

Assistant District Attorney Carl Rosenkranz prosecuted the case.

Defendant: Alexander Luciano
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