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Jury Finds Wendell Smith Guilty of All Charges

Rochester, NY- On Friday, May 15, 2015 a Monroe County Jury found 37 year old Wendell Smith guilty of Second Degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon, Three counts of Third Degree Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance, and Three counts Second Degree Criminal Use of Drug Paraphernalia. On October 26, 2012, police executed a search warrant and found approximately 3.5 ounces of powder cocaine as well as tools to make cocaine. On that date they also discovered a finished crack cocaine product packaged for street sale. And months later on March 14, 2013, Wendell Smith was stopped in a rental car when police found a large chunk of crack cocaine under his seat. The Jury convicted Wendell Smith of all counts as charged in both incidents. The traffic stop arrest was made by the Rochester Police Department Tactical Unit.

Senior Assistant District Attorney Kevin Fitzgerald of the Special Investigations Bureau prosecuted the case.

"The District Attorney's office appreciates the hard work of the Rochester Police Department and GRANET (Greater Rochester Area Narcotics Enforcement Team) in their arrest of Mr. Smith. With this conviction, Wendell Smith, a known drug dealer will be off the streets of Rochester serving significant time in prison." said Assistant District Attorney Kevin Fitzgerald. "We will continue to work with the Rochester Police Department and other local law enforcement to remove from our streets those who choose to put our children at risk by involving themselves in this type of illegal activity.

On June 18, 2015, Judge Victoria Argento will sentence Wendell Smith to 5-27 years in state prison followed by 5 years parole.

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