

**News Release from  
The Honorable Sandra Doorley  
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**Wendell Smith Sentenced to 15 Years**

Rochester, NY- On July 23, 2015, Monroe County Court Judge Victoria Agento sentenced 37 year old Wendell Smith to 15 years plus 5 years post release supervision for numerous offenses including Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree. The charges stem from two separate incidents, one on October 26, 2012 and the second on March 14, 2013. In October of 2012, Police executed a search warrant and found approximately 3.5 ounces of powder cocaine as well as tools used to make crack cocaine. In March of 2013, Smith was stopped in a rental car and police found a large chunk of crack cocaine under his seat. On May 18, 2015 a jury convicted Smith of Second Degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon, Three counts of Third Degree Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance and Three counts of Second Degree Criminal Use of Drug Parapernalia.

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

"Wendell Smith is a second felony offender and because of his continued criminal drug related behavior he will spend 15 years in prison." said Assistant District Attorney Kevin Fitzgerald. "With the hard work of the GRANET and the Rochester Police Department, we continue to take repeat drug offenders off our city streets."

Wendell Smith will begin serving his sentence immediately.

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