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Joseph Cafarelli Sentenced to 6 Years for Criminal Possession After Violating Probation

Rochester, NY- On Friday, August 18, Acting County Court Judge Melchor Castro sentenced 51-year-old Joseph Cafarelli to six years in the New York State Department of Corrections with three years of post-release supervision after he pled guilty to Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree as well as violating the terms and conditions of his previously imposed sentence of probation.

In August 2016, Cafarelli pled guilty to Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree after selling a controlled substance to an Undercover Officer in September 2013. He agreed to serve five years of probation. On March 25, 2017, the Monroe County Office of Probation searched Cafarelli's residence and found multiple types of illegal substances. He will now serve six years in the Department of Corrections and three years of post-release supervision for the admission to Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance and for his probation violation.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schwartz, Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau.

“Thanks to great work by the Monroe County Office of Probation, a felon with a history of drug-related offenses is on his way to prison,” said Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schwartz. “Joseph Cafarelli has no respect for himself or law enforcement, as he violated his probation after his community had given him a second chance. As a result of his most recent felony drug convictions, he will be serving time in state prison, proving that we will not tolerate these types of illegal drug activities in Monroe County.”

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