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Virgina Drug Dealer Sentenced to Prison

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The Office of the Clinton County District Attorney announces that the Hon. William A. Favreau, Clinton County Court Judge, sentenced Jariz Paige, 31 years old, of Newport News, VA and Newark, NJ, in County Court on December 15, 2021 to a seven (7) year determinate sentence followed by five (5) years post release supervision and a \$5,000.00 fine upon his conviction on each count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Second Degree, a class A-II felony, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the second Degree, a class C violent felony. Judge Favreau further sentenced Paige to a seven (7) year determinate sentence followed by two (2) years post release supervision and a \$3,000.00 fine upon his conviction of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a class B felony, each sentence to be imposed concurrently to each other.



Paige as convicted upon a plea of guilty entered in County Court on October 8, 2021.

Paige was originally arrested on January 12, 2021 after an investigation conducted by the New York State Police's Narcotic Division and the execution of a search warrant at the Microtel Inn and Suites located on Route 3 in the Town of Plattsburgh. The Clinton County Sheriff's Department and the Plattsburgh City Police Department's Narcotic Division assisted the New York State Police with the investigation.

Paige was originally arrested on the following charges: possession of eight ounces or more of cocaine, a narcotic drug; possession of one half ounce or more of fentanyl, a narcotic drug;

criminal possession of a loaded Glock model 19, 9mm firearm; and criminal possession of a large capacity magazine.

A second individual, Denzil Graves, was arrested on January 13, 2021 with the same narcotic drug possession charges. Graves had broken the second floor hotel room window and jumped out of the Microtel Inn and Suites room when the New York State Police initially arrived to responded to an abandoned 911 call from the room. Denzil Graves has previously entered a guilty plea to felony drug possession charges and awaits sentencing as a second felony offender in January, 2022.

At today's sentencing proceeding Judge Favreau reiterated the arresting officer's comments that "individuals such as Jariz Paige are a huge problem to our small community. They come to our area with huge quantities of drugs and prey on our local addicts. They then use the local addicts to distribute their product and intimidate them with the guns they bring".

Following the imposition of sentencing, Judge Favreau remanded the defendant to the custody of the Clinton County Sheriff to be delivered to the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision to serve his sentence.

Clinton County District Attorney Andrew Wylie prosecuted the defendant.

The defendant was represented by Alan Cruikshank, Esq.