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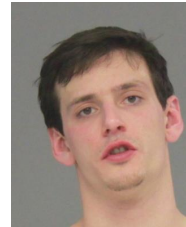
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LOCAL DRUG DEALER SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS

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Clinton County District Attorney Andrew J. Wylie announced today that Clinton County Court Judge William A. Favreau recently sentenced Michael Malseptic, who was residing at 2 Flaglar Drive, City of Plattsburgh, New York to a five year determinate sentence followed by three years of post-release supervision, as a second felony offender, with the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision. Judge Favreau further imposed a three thousand dollar fine plus fees and surcharges in the amount of \$375.00. A further condition of sentencing was that the defendant forfeit \$1,370.00 in U.S. currency that was seized from Malseptic at the time of his arrest.



Malseptic, age 25, was originally charged by the Clinton County Sheriff's Department on April 29, 2020 following the execution of a search warrant at his residence where he resided at 2 Flaglar Drive, in the City of Plattsburgh, with two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, class B felonies. The defendant was charged with possession of cocaine with the intent to sell and possession of more than one half ounce of cocaine.

Thereafter, Malseptic was indicted by the Clinton County Grand Jury and charged with two counts each of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree (intent to sell), Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree (possession of more than ½ ounce of cocaine) and one count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Seventh Degree (possession of heroin).

On November 16, 2020 Michael Malseptic appeared virtually via TEAMS meeting in Clinton County Court due to COVID-19 protocols, with his attorney Hilary Rogers of the Clinton County Public Defender's Office before Judge Favreau and entered a plea of guilty to three counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance Third Degree, each a class B felony, punishable up to twelve years in state prison, followed by three years of post-release supervision.

On April 2, 2021, Michael Malseptic appeared again via TEAMS meeting from the Clinton County Jail before Judge Favreau for sentencing, along with his attorney Hilary Rogers, Esq. Following the imposition of sentencing, Judge Favreau remanded Mr. Malseptic to the custody of the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision to serve his sentence. Per the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Service Inmate Lookup website, the defendant is presently serving his sentence at Downstate Correctional Facility.

District Attorney Wylie stated that the defendant's arrest was the result of ongoing investigations into drug sales in Clinton County by the Clinton County Sheriff's Department and other state and local law enforcement agencies.

Clinton County District Attorney Andrew Wylie prosecuted the defendant.

The defendant was represented by the Clinton County Public Defender's Office.