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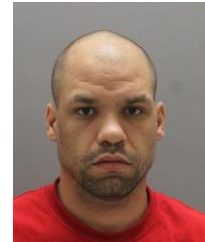
## **PRESS RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **DRUG DEALER SENTENCED TO SIX YEARS**

**January 14, 2021**

**Plattsburgh, N.Y.**

Clinton County District Attorney Andrew J. Wylie announced today that Clinton County Court Judge Timothy J. Lawliss sentenced Kevin Fitch, of Schenectady, New York to a six year determinate sentence followed by three years of post-release supervision, with the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision. Fitch was sentenced as a second felony offender with a prior felony conviction from May 2017 out of Clinton County Court. Judge Lawliss further imposed fees in surcharges in the amount of \$375.00.



Fitch, age 30, was indicted by a Clinton County Grand Jury in December of 2019, and thereafter appeared in Clinton County Court for arraignment on June 6, 2020 after he was picked up on an arrest warrant in the Capital region. Fitch was indicted and charged with two counts each of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, Penal Law 220.39 (1) and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, Penal Law 220.16 (1), for the alleged sale of heroin on September 9, 2019 and the alleged sale of cocaine on September 10, 2019. The two sales lead to local law enforcement agencies applying for a search warrant at a residence on Miller Street, in the City of Plattsburgh which resulted in the arrest of a Demetrice Moore and a Stephone Salley. The cases against Moore and Salley remain pending in Clinton County Court.

Fitch plead guilty to two counts of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, Penal Law 220.39 (1), on December 4, 2020 in Clinton County Court before Judge Lawliss.

Fitch had a prior felony conviction for Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree out of Clinton County from March 28, 2017 at which time he was sentenced to a 2 year determinate sentence in Department of Corrections and Community Supervision followed by 18 months of pre-trial release.

Under current Covid-19 protocols in the New York State court system, the defendant appeared in Court on January 14, 2021 from the Clinton County Jail via the TEAMS meeting virtual system and was sentenced.

District Attorney Wylie stated that the defendant's arrest was the result of ongoing investigations into drug sales in Clinton County by the Plattsburgh City Police Department, the New York State Police and the Clinton County Sheriff's Department.

Clinton County District Attorney Andrew Wylie prosecuted the defendant.

The defendant was represented by Plattsburgh attorney Patrick McFarlin.