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

### **DRUG DEALER SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS**

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Plattsburgh, N.Y.

Clinton County District Attorney Andrew J. Wylie announced today that Clinton County Court Judge William A. Favreau sentenced Whitfield Wood, of Schenectady, New York to a two year determinate sentence followed by one and one half years of post-release supervision, with the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision. Wood was sentenced as a second felony offender with a prior felony conviction from 2018 out of Essex County Court. Judge Favreau further imposed \$2,500.00 in fines plus fees in surcharges in the amount of \$375.00.



Wood, age 53, was charged by Superior Court Information with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, Penal Law 220.16 (12), possession of more than one half ounce of crack cocaine; with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Fourth Degree, Penal Law 220.09 (1), possession of more than one eighth of an ounce of cocaine; and with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Seventh Degree, Penal Law 220.03, possession of heroin. All three offenses occurred in Clinton County on March 2, 2020

Wood plead guilty to all three counts on September 29, 2020 and sentencing had been adjourned due to Covid-19 issues and medical issues of the defendant.

Wood had a prior felony conviction for Attempted Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Fifth Degree out of Essex County from January 30, 2018 at which time he was sentenced to a 1.5 year determinate sentence in Department of Corrections and Community Supervision followed by 12 months of pre-trial release.

Under current Covid-19 protocols in the New York State court system, the defendant appeared virtually in his lawyer's office and is ordered to report to the Clinton County Jail on February 19, 2021 at or before 4:00 p.m.

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 Alex Schmulsky and Lake Placid attorney Brian Barrett.