

New Bedford drug trafficker to serve at least seven years in state prison

Bristol County District Attorney Thomas M. Quinn III announced today that a New Bedford heroin and cocaine trafficker was convicted and sentenced to serve seven to 11 years in state prison.

Omar Colon, 46, pleaded guilty Wednesday afternoon in Fall River Superior Court to two indictments charging with with trafficking in excess of 36 grams of heroin and trafficking in excess of 18 grams of cocaine.

The “unagreed plea” was submitted to Superior Court Judge Rene Dupuis. Assistant District Attorney Jeane Veenstra argued for a 12 year prison sentence, while Mr. Colon’s defense attorney sought a five year prison term. After hearing arguments from both sides, Judge Dupuis sentenced Mr. Colon to serve two to four years in state prison for the cocaine trafficking charge, and then an additional five to seven years in state prison for the heroin trafficking charge. Judge Dupuis also ordered \$10,335 in cash, determined to be proceeds from illegal drug transactions, to be forfeited.

New Bedford Police, through an extensive investigation, determined that Mr. Colon was using his 14 Jouvette Street apartment and Toyota Camry as a heroin delivery service between September 2013 and January 2014. During this time period, police obtained surveillance evidence and conducted three controlled buys of narcotics from Mr. Colon.

After gathering enough evidence to sustain a criminal charge and a strong prosecution, police followed Mr. Colon to a location in New Bedford where they observed him sell narcotics to another individual. At that point, Mr. Colon was

apprehended and transported back to his residence for the execution of a search warrant. Once inside, police found 16 separate bags of cocaine and 36 separate bags of heroin.