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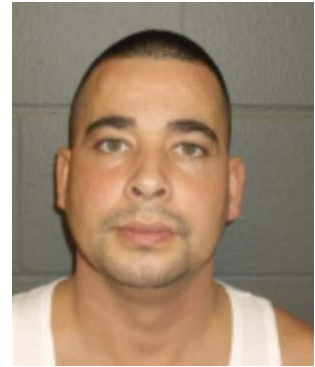
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*Undersheriff*

## PRESS RELEASE

April 15, 2016

A former Margaretville cocaine dealer arrested by Delaware County Sheriff's Office Investigators in December, 2014, was sentenced in Delaware County Court today to nine years of imprisonment.

Rafael Figueroa, 36, of Margaretville, was arrested by members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division on December 18, 2014 on a Sealed Indictment Warrant charging him with three counts of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree. That arrest culminated a year and a half long investigation conducted by members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division into the trafficking of cocaine in the Town of Middletown.



Following a January, 2016 trial prosecuted by Acting District Attorney John L. Hubbard, Figueroa was found guilty of all three class B felony charges of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree

On Friday, April 15, 2016 Acting County Court Judge Brian D. Burns sentenced Figueroa to three consecutive, three year prison sentences, totaling nine years of imprisonment, plus serve nine years of post-release supervision. Figueroa was also ordered to pay \$525 restitution to the Delaware County Sheriff's Office. Acting District Attorney, John Hubbard remarked "the imposition of consecutive sentences means this defendant must serve a term of approximately nine years in state prison. This sentence should serve as a strong deterrent for anyone who sells drugs in Delaware County".

Undersheriff Craig DuMond stated "We applaud the tireless efforts of our criminal investigators, the assertive prosecution by the DA and the firm sentence imposed by Judge Burns. Sheriff Thomas E. Mills and the members of our Office will continue to aggressively pursue these dealers and bring them to justice in order to secure the prison sentences they deserve".