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PRESS RELEASE

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Today, Sheriff Thomas E. Mills announces the arrests of four Walton men by Sheriff's Deputies and Investigators on felony drug possession charges following a vehicle stop on State Highway 206 in the Town of Walton Tuesday afternoon. Deputies and members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division, acting on a tip, were conducting surveillance on that highway and subsequently stopped a vehicle occupied by the four men after Deputies observed a number of vehicle and traffic violations being committed.



During their investigation at the scene of the traffic stop, Deputies and Investigators assisted by K-9 "Ozzie," discovered and subsequently seized 82 bags of heroin, over \$14,000 in U.S. Currency, prescription narcotics, marihuana, a hypodermic instrument and other drug paraphernalia from the vehicle. Investigating officers also noted that two of the four subjects were in possession of New York State Public Benefit Cards at the time of their arrests.

Deputies and Investigators subsequently arrested and charged 34 year old Nathan R. Williams, of North Street, Walton; 37 year old Adam G. Green, of Griswold Street, Walton; 32 year old Patrick A. Ladd, of Mead Street,



Adam G. Green

Walton; and 28 year old Eric A. Black, of Howell Street, Walton; with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree (*Intent to Sell*), a class B felony. Adam Green was additionally charged with Unlawful Possession of Marihuana. The driver, Nathan R. Williams was additionally charged with Vehicle & Traffic Law violations for Speeding, Failure to Notify the Commissioner of a Change of Address, Operating a Motor Vehicle with an Obstructed View and Operating a Motor Vehicle without an Inspection Certificate.



Nathan R. Williams

All four defendants were arraigned before the Honorable Paul Laauser in the Town of Walton Court Tuesday night and were each remanded to the Delaware County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$150,000 cash bail pending their future appearance in that court.

If convicted of the class B felony charge of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, as second felony offenders, Eric Black, Patrick Ladd and Nathan Williams could each face potential determinate sentences of up to twelve years imprisonment. If convicted of this crime, Adam Green faces a potential determinate sentence of up to nine years imprisonment



Eric A. Black

Delaware County Sheriff's Office Investigators previously arrested and charged Patrick A. Ladd with Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree on December 7, 2012. In April, 2013, Ladd subsequently plead guilty in Delaware County Court to a charge of Attempted Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree and was sentenced to a determinate sentence of one and a half years imprisonment. According to publically available records, Ladd was released from the New York State Department of Corrections' Monterey Shock Facility in November, 2014, subject to supervision by the New York State Division of Parole.



Patrick A. Ladd

Undersheriff Craig DuMond remarked, "These dealers should be figuring it out by now that Sheriff Mills and the members of his Office will not stop in our relentless pursuit of ridding our County of these dealers. Moreover, what is most disturbing is the fact that virtually all of them we arrest are on public assistance. This should be a clear call for welfare reform...career criminals should not be supported by the hard working, law abiding citizens in our communities...we need to bring back fingerprint checks, we need to screen applicants for drugs, we need to deny public assistance benefits to criminals who continually victimize the very people who pay the bills. If we reinvest the money saved from addressing this problem we could put more of an emphasis on treatment, education and enforcement and truly make a difference!". "In regard to our continued enforcement efforts, stay tuned, there are more arrests coming and we are committed to following these cases through to ensure these businessmen dealers receive the lengthy prison sentences they deserve".