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SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND HUDSON POLICE TEAM UP AND MAKE 4 DRUG ARRESTS

Hudson, NY- Sheriff David P. Bartlett reports the arrest of four individuals who were engaged in various drug activities in and around the City of Hudson, Columbia County, New York.

The four individuals were arrested on Thursday, September 17, 2015 as the result of a joint narcotics operation of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, the Hudson Police Department, and with the assistance of Columbia County District Attorney Paul Czajka. Sheriff's Office Deputies and Investigators along with Hudson City Police Officers and Detectives targeted street level dealers and buyers who were engaging in illegal drug activity in the City of Hudson.

Information was developed and investigation revealed that the following defendants were trafficking narcotics within the City of Hudson:

William T. Fernandez, age 45, of Hudson was arrested and charged with one count of Criminal Possession of a Narcotic Drug 3rd Degree, with the Intent to sell, a class B Felony, and one count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 7th Degree, a class A Misdemeanor. Fernandez was arraigned in Hudson City Court in front of the Honorable Judge Connor and was remanded to the Columbia County Jail on \$5,000 cash bail or \$10,000 bail bond with a return date to Hudson City Court on September 22, 2015.

Brandon L. Fielder, age 26, of the Town of Ghent was arrested and charged with Attempted Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Fourth Degree, a Class D Felony. Fielder was also arraigned by the Honorable Judge Connor in Hudson City Court and remanded to the Columbia County Jail on \$5,000 cash bail or \$10,000 bail bond, with a return date of September 22, 2015.

David Donenfeld, age 55, of the Town of Ghent was arrested and charged with one count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 7th, Degree, a class A Misdemeanor, and one count of having a controlled substance out of the original container, a violation of the Public Health Law.

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Donenfeld was issued an appearance ticket to Hudson City Court returnable on September 22, 2015 and was released.

Jacqueline M. Luciano, age 26, of Greenport, was arrested and charged with four counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 7th Degree, and one count of having a controlled substance out of the original container, a violation of the Public Health Law. Luciano was issued an appearance ticket returnable to the Town of Greenport Court on October 5, 2015 and released.

“These arrests were a team effort; a result of strong interagency cooperation,” said Sheriff Bartlett. “It’s something that we’ve focused heavily on the past year – open dialogue, sharing of information and resources, and teamwork. It’s paid off time and time again,” Bartlett added.

The Sheriff credits Hudson Police Chief Ed Moore and District Attorney Paul Czajka for their work improving communication between the county’s law enforcement agencies.