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District Attorney Hoovler Announces Guilty Pleas in City of Newburgh Homicide Case

*Defendant Admits Shooting and Killing Man Who Approached Him
With What Appeared to be a Gun*

Orange County District Attorney David M. Hoovler announced that on Friday, August 4, 2017, Fabian Corley, 25, of Newburgh, pleaded guilty before Orange County Court Judge Craig Stephen Brown to Manslaughter in the First Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, in connection with the shooting death of a man on March 7, 2017, on Hasbrouck Street, in the City Newburgh.

At the time Corley pleaded guilty, he admitted that he killed the man with an illegally possessed hand gun. The shooting took place outside of Corley's residence. Corley had also been charged with possessing cocaine with the intent to sell it, and possession of drug paraphernalia. A search warrant, which had been executed at Corley's residence after the shooting, resulted in the seizure of cocaine, scales, and packaging materials commonly used in the sale of cocaine. A digital recording from a surveillance camera revealed that after Corley had just engaged in what appeared to be a hand-to-hand drug transaction outside of his residence when he was approached by a man who produced what appeared to be a handgun. Corley pulled out his own illegally possessed pistol. The man who approached Corley turned and ran. Corley shot the man in the back as he was running away. A pellet gun, which closely resembles an actual hand-gun, was found near the deceased man's body. At the time Corley pleaded guilty, he admitted to Judge Brown that at the time that he shot him in the back, he was not acting in self-defense.

At the time of the plea prosecutors stated on the record that they would be recommending that Corley be sentenced to sixteen years in state prison and five years post-release supervision on the manslaughter charge. Prosecutors also stated that they will recommend that Corley be sentenced concurrently to fifteen years in state prison and five years post-release supervision in connection with the weapon possession charge. Corley is scheduled to be sentenced on November 2, 2017.

District Attorney Hoovler thanked the City of Newburgh Police Department for their investigation and the arrest in the case. District Attorney Hoovler also thanked the New York State Police Computer Crimes Unit who assisted in the investigation.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Steven Goldberg.

“Narcotics trafficking invariably leads to violence,” said District Attorney Hoovler. “My office will continue to make the prosecution of violent crimes, particularly violent crimes connected to the narcotics trade a high priority. Too many young people have lost their lives due to narcotics, as well as to the violence associated with narcotics. No family should have to grieve for the loss of a loved one killed due to gun violence. This defendant never should have possessed the handgun he used, and admitted that he was not acting in self-defense when he killed his victim. He deserves a lengthy state prison sentence.”

A criminal charge is merely an allegation by the police that a defendant has committed a violation of the criminal law, and it is not evidence of guilt. All defendants are presumed innocent and entitled to a fair trial, during which it will be the State of New York’s burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

