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District Attorney Hoovler Announces Guilty Verdict In Weapon Possession Case

*Newburgh Man Convicted After Trial of Illegally Possessing Loaded Handgun
And Resisting Arrest*

Orange County District Attorney David M. Hoovler announced that on Friday, March 10, 2017, Michael Robinson 20, of Newburgh, was convicted after a jury trial before Orange County Court Judge Craig Stephen Brown of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree and Resisting Arrest.

On July 27, 2016, Robinson was the passenger of a car pulled over by City of Newburgh Police Officers at 3:00 am on Benkard Avenue in the City of Newburgh. Police pulled the car over as part of the investigation of a gun point robbery which had occurred a few hours earlier. After the car stopped, Robinson exited the vehicle and ran from police officers. Robinson was apprehended by city of Newburgh Police Officers aided by K-9 Bane. A loaded semiautomatic handgun was found under the front passenger seat where Robinson had been seated. Robinson faces up to fifteen years in prison on the charge of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree when he is sentenced by Judge Brown on May 4, 2017.

District Attorney Hoovler thanked the City of Newburgh Police Department for their arrest and investigation of the case.

“The City of Newburgh will be safer during the years that this defendant is incarcerated” said District Attorney Hoovler. “My Office will continue to seek severe state prison sentences for those who illegally possess loaded firearms. We owe a debt of gratitude to all the brave police officers who work to keep our streets safe. Their bravery and the dangerousness of the situations that they find themselves in is exemplified by the City of Newburgh Police Officers who stopped and apprehended this defendant. The jury’s verdict was clearly supported by the evidence. This defendant would have wiser to have complied with the lawful orders of the City of Newburgh

Police, rather than resisting arrest. His futile attempt to flee the police and resist arrest will certainly result in the District Attorney's Office recommending additional punishment.”

District Attorney Hoovler highly commended Assistant District Attorney Christopher Kelly who prosecuted the case.

A criminal charge is merely an allegation 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.

