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JURY CONVICTS ANGEL LEBRON OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi announces that late yesterday afternoon following two days of testimony and several hours of deliberations, a Dutchess County jury convicted 49-year-old Angel Lebron, Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a Class B Felony and acquitted on a count of Attempted Criminal Possession in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony.

District Attorney Anthony Parisi said, "We respect the jury's service and appreciate the time and attention they devoted to this case. While we are pleased that the jury held Mr. Lebron accountable for possessing a significant quantity of cocaine, we respectfully disagree with its decision to acquit on the charge stemming from the defendant's attempt to take a firearm from a police officer. Law enforcement officers put their lives on the line every day to protect our communities, and any attempt to disarm an officer presents an immediate and extraordinary danger to that officer, fellow officers, and the public. We believed the evidence established that charge beyond a reasonable doubt. Nevertheless, the jury's conviction on the narcotics offense ensures that the defendant will be held accountable and face a substantial state prison sentence. I commend the Dutchess County Drug Task Force and the prosecutors who handled this case for their professionalism and dedication throughout this investigation and trial."

The jury concluded that on November 25, 2025, in the City of Poughkeepsie in the area of North Clinton Street and Thompson Street, the defendant knowingly and unlawfully possessed one or more preparations, compounds, mixtures or substances containing cocaine with a weight of one-half ounce or more. The jury did not agree that Lebron attempted to possess a Glock 22 which was secured in a Task Force Agent's holster when he grabbed the holster and pulled the weapon towards himself.

The Dutchess County Drug Task Force handled the investigation and were assisted by the New York State Police and the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department during the arrest. The case was prosecuted by Senior Trial Assistant Joseph Russo and Unit Chief Griffin Kenyon. The trial was conducted in Dutchess County Court before the Honorable Karen Edelman-Reyes, who has scheduled sentencing for August 31, 2026. Mr. Lebron faces a determinate sentence of between 6 and 15 years in prison.

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