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## **Hollywood drug dealer sentenced in Suffolk County court**

Despite his claims that two years in the Suffolk County jail gave him a new appreciation of the menace of illegal drugs, William Wright, 35, of West Hollywood, California was sentenced today to 13 and one-half years in prison and five years' post-release supervision for his role in the trafficking of cocaine and marijuana to Long Island, Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said today.

"Mr. Wright will live his life not in Southern California but in an upstate correctional facility to ponder what misery he's caused by selling cocaine on the streets of Suffolk County," DA Spota said.

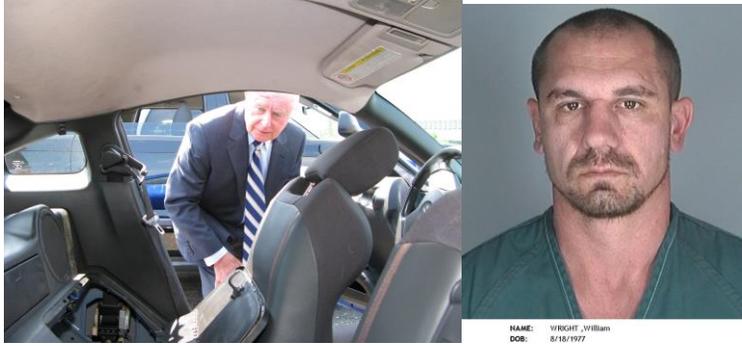
District Attorney Spota said Wright was the "architect of a pipeline supplying west coast cocaine to Suffolk as well as large shipments of marijuana, smuggled from Canada in shipments weighing up to 300 pounds, to Long Island".

"The defendant's eleventh hour claim that he now understands the dangers of drugs comes from an individual who used his millions in drug profits to fly on private planes, stay at the best hotels, charge an average of \$50,000 to \$100,000 monthly on his credit cards, acquire a financial interest in at least ten race horses and buy ownership interests in a number of multimillion dollar homes in Hollywood, California," DA Spota noted.

"His decadence was funded primarily by street sales in this county of cocaine that he purchased in California for \$20,500 a kilo and sold here for five times that amount after cutting the powder with Inositol," said DA Spota.

The cocaine arrived in Suffolk packed in hollowed-out compartments in luxury cars that were transported to New York atop car carriers. Wright used the same scheme to collect his profits by stashing cash into the hidden car traps for the return trip via car carrier to the west coast.

After a 3 month international manhunt, William Wright was captured on October 11, 2011 in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.



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