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The Delaware County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division arrested a Walton man on felony drug sales charges and seized 293 bags of heroin in the Village of Walton.

On Thursday morning Matthew S. Parker of St. John St., Walton, was indicted by a Delaware County Grand Jury following a month long heroin trafficking investigation in the Village of Walton and Village of Delhi, conducted by members of the Criminal Investigation Division in cooperation with the Delaware County Probation Department.

On Thursday afternoon Delaware County Sheriff's Investigators, assisted by Sheriff Deputies, arrested Matthew S. Parker, 36, of Walton on a Sealed Grand Jury Indictment Warrant charging him with three counts of Criminal sale of a controlled substance all class "B" Felonies.

Additionally, at the time of Parker's arrest on Thursday afternoon, Parker was found to be in possession of 293 bags of heroin, along with several hundred dollars cash, which was subsequently seized by Investigators. Parker was also in possession of public assistance benefit cards from the State of New York as well as the State of Virginia.

As a result of the above heroin seizure, Parker was additionally charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree with the intent to sell, also a class B felony.

Parker was arraigned in Delaware County Court before Honorable Judge Carl Becker on Thursday afternoon and was remanded to the Delaware County Correctional Facility without bail pending future court appearances.

In 2012 Parker was convicted in Delaware County Court for Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree and Attempted Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree and sentenced to three years incarceration. He was released from the New York State Department of Corrections after completing the Willard Drug Treatment program in October, 2013.

As a potential second felony offender, upon conviction Parker faces four possible consecutive sentences of two to twelve years (2-12) on each charge.

Undersheriff Craig DuMond remarked “Sheriff Mills and I are very proud of our team and the efforts of our partner agencies in working together toward eradicating illicit drugs from our communities...this would also not be possible without the overwhelming community support we have received through our crime TIP line”. “We continue to strongly urge the public to assist us in our efforts by reporting suspected drug activity to 1-888-914-9111...together, we can make a difference”.