



Office of the District Attorney  
**P. David Soares**  
6 Lodge Street  
Albany, New York 12207  
(518) 487-5460  
(518) 487-5093 FAX

**CONTACT: CECILIA WALSH (518) 275-4710**  
**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2013**

## 5 Years in State Prison for Possession of Illegal .38 Special Handgun



**ALBANY, NY-** District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that ERIC BERKLEY, 41, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second

Degree, a Class D Felony, before the Honorable Roger McDonough in the Supreme Court of Albany County this morning.

On August 25, 2013 members of the Albany Police Department responded to a party following a noise complaint at a residence on Orange Street in the City of Albany.

Upon walking into the residence, the defendant brushed past one of the police officers who felt the handle of a revolver concealed under the defendant's clothes. A search of the defendant uncovered a Charter Arms .38 Special loaded with three rounds of live ammunition.

BERKLEY faces 5 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post Release Supervision when sentenced on October 31, 2013.

Assistant District Attorney Kurt Haas of the Street Crimes Unit is handling the prosecution of this case.

For more information please contact Cecilia Walsh (518) 275-4710.

###