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6 Years in State Prison for Colonie Residential Burglary

Defendant Ordered to Pay \$30,000 in Restitution to the Victims



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **MATTHEW WANG**, 27, of Niskayuna, was sentenced to 6 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post Release Supervision, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

On March 29, 2013, **WANG** pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Burglary in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony.

This guilty plea is in full satisfaction of several burglaries committed in the Town of Colonie and the Town of Bethlehem attributed to this defendant.

On January 5, 2013, WANG, along with co-defendants NIKOLAS MARTINO, 26, DALE SPENCER, 22 and SEAN HIGGINS, 19, did unlawfully enter a residence on Campus View Drive in the Town of Colonie. While inside, the defendant's did steal several safes, jewelry, cash and other items.

WANG was also ordered to pay \$30,000 in restitution to the victims.

Co-defendants DALE SPENCER and SEAN HIGGINS each previously pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Burglary in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony.

SPENCER faces 3 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post Release Supervision when sentenced on January 10, 2014. HIGGINS faces 3 to 5 years in State Prison, to be followed by 3 years of Post Release Supervision when sentenced on December 17, 2013.

Co-defendant NIKOLAS MARTINO pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Fourth Degree, a Class E Felony and is awaiting sentencing.

Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hauf of the Major Offense Unit is handling the prosecution of these cases.

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