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## Co-Defendants Sentenced to State Prison for Attempted Robbery



**Anthony Pinkney**



**Tasién Yelenik**

**ALBANY, NY-** District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that ANTHONY PINKNEY, 30 and TASIEN YELENIK, 29, both of Albany, were each sentenced to State Prison for their roles in an attempted robbery before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

PINKNEY was sentenced to 4 years in State Prison, to be followed by 1 ½ years of Post Release Supervision. On October 20, 2013, PINKNEY pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Robbery in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony.

This guilty plea is in full satisfaction of an unrelated incident involving the defendant being arrested and charged with (1) Count of Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Third Degree, a Class D Felony.

YELENIK was sentenced to 2 to 4 years in State Prison after pleading guilty (1) Count of Attempted Robbery in the Third Degree, a Class E Felony on October 25, 2013.

On November 19, 2012 in the area of North Lake Avenue and Bradford Street in the City of Albany, both defendants assaulted and attempted to rob a victim who was walking down the street.

As the defendants were going through the victim's pockets, members of the Albany Police Department arrived, causing both defendants to flee. PINKNEY was apprehended immediately while YELENIK ran away but was caught shortly after.

Assistant District Attorney Benjamin Mastaitis of the Major Offense Unit handled the prosecution of both cases.

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