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Co-Defendants Sentenced to State Prison for Roles in South Pearl Street Shooting



Hector Balls



La-Meik Taylor

ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that HECTOR BALLS, 23, and LA-MEIK TAYLOR, 24; both of Albany, both were sentenced to 12 years in State Prison before the Honorable Thomas A. Breslin in the Supreme Court of Albany County this morning.

On January 7, 2014, BALLS and TAYLOR each pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a Class C Armed Violent Felony.

On September 12, 2013 on South Pearl Street in the City of Albany, both co-defendants approached the victim and began to argue with him. HECTOR BALLS, who was armed with a handgun, discharged the weapon into the air. The victim grabbed at the gun to prevent it from discharging further as LA-MEIK TAYLOR repeatedly punched the victim.

As the victim tried to flee, LA-MEIK TAYLOR pursued the victim with the handgun and fired several shots towards him, striking him in the buttocks.

This case was prosecuted by Bureau Chief of the Major Offense Unit Eric Galarneau.

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



Hector Balls and La-Meik Taylor captured on a closed circuit video camera during the incident.



La-Meik Taylor captured on a closed circuit video camera pursuing victim across the street with handgun drawn.

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