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Defendant Found Guilty of Attempted Murder, Strangulation and Assault after Trial



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that THOMAS RYDER, 45, of Rathdrum, Idaho, was found guilty following a bench trial of (1) Count of Attempted Murder in the Second Degree, a Class B Violent Felony, (1) Count of Strangulation in the First Degree, a Class C Violent Felony, (1) Count of Strangulation in the Second Degree, a Class D Violent Felony, (1) Count of Assault in the Second Degree, a Class D Violent Felony and (1) Count of Assault in the Second Degree-To Injure a Victim age 65 or Older when the Defendant is at Least

10 Years Younger, a Class D Violent Felony, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this afternoon.

On May 23, 2013 at a residence on Morton Avenue in the City of Albany, the defendant did attempt to cause the death of the victim, a 65 year old relative, by obstructing her breathing using his hands and repeatedly hit her in the head with a closed fist and a pair of headphones.

RYDER faces up to 25 years in State Prison when sentenced on May 13, 2014. The defendant was remanded to the Albany County Correctional Facility without bail to await sentencing.

Assistant District Attorney Chantelle Cleary of the Special Victims Unit is handling the prosecution of this case.

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