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## Defendant Found Guilty of Possessing Illegal Firearm



**ALBANY, NY-** District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **RAQUAD GRAHAM**, 22, of Watervliet, was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a Class C Armed Felony, before the Honorable Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Supreme Court this afternoon.

On June 27, 2013 in the area of Clinton Street in the City of Albany, officers attempted to arrest the defendant due to a parole warrant that had been issued. After officers ordered the defendant to put his hands up, the defendant initially complied, but then fled in the direction of a vacant lot.

As officers gave chase, they observed the defendant crouching near a fence before continuing to flee. The defendant then ran towards Broad Street before being apprehended by officers. After officers had the defendant in custody, they went back to vacant lot where the defendant was crouching near the fence and conducted a grid search. During the grid search, officers discovered a Kel-Tec P-11 9mm Luger handgun loaded with 10 rounds of live ammunition that was determined to be in the defendant's possession.

GRAHAM faces up to 15 years in State Prison when sentenced on February 25, 2014. GRAHAM remains in custody at the Albany County Correctional Facility.

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

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