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## Defendant Pleads Guilty to Possessing Illegally Modified Ruger .22 Caliber Rifle



**ALBANY, NY-** District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that NASIF JACKSON, 26, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this afternoon.

On November 19, 2013 in the area of Catherine Street and South Hawk Street in the City of Albany, officers from the Albany Police Department responded to a call about an occupant in a vehicle who displayed what appeared to be an assault rifle outside of the vehicle.

Shortly after, the vehicle associated with the incident was located by officers in front of a residence on Livingston Avenue. Officers observed JACKSON exit the residence and get into the vehicle and began to drive away. Officers subsequently initiated a traffic stop and detained the occupants.

Officers executed a search warrant at the Livingston Avenue home and recovered a loaded Ruger .22 caliber rifle which had been altered to look like an AK-47 assault rifle.

JACKSON faces 5 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post Release Supervision when sentenced on March 6, 2014

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