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## Defendant Pleads Guilty to Murdering 20 Year Old Woman, Stabbing Two Victims

*Faces up to 45 Years to Life in State Prison at Sentencing*



**ALBANY, NY** – District Attorney P. David Soares today announced that **MICHAEL ANDERSON**, 29, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Murder in the Second Degree, a

Class A-I Felony, and (2) Counts of Assault in the First Degree, both Class B Violent Felonies, before the Honorable Stephen Herrick in Albany County Court this morning.

On November 26, 2012 at 157 Myrtle Avenue in the City of Albany, the defendant did intentionally cause the death of Tonette Thomas, 20, by means of repeatedly stabbing her with a knife. In addition, the defendant also repeatedly stabbed two other victims with a knife.

ANDERSON faces up to 45 years to Life in State Prison when sentenced on March 3, 2014. ANDERSON remains in custody at the Albany County Correctional Facility to await sentencing.

“This plea brings to a conclusion one of the most tragic events in our community, but is also shines a bright light on domestic violence. Domestic violence is about power and control. Verbal or physical abuse does not equate to love. Albany County has a strong network of support services for people experiencing these crimes. Mr. Anderson will pay for his crimes for the rest of his life, but look at the expense; a beautiful life of a young woman whose contributions to the world we were just beginning to witness,” commented District Attorney Soares.

Special Victims Unit Bureau Chief Shannon Sarfoh is handling the prosecution of this case.

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



If you or someone you know is in need of help please contact:

Albany County Crime Victims and Sexual Violence Center 447-7100

Equinox Domestic Violence Services 24 Hour Hotline 432-7865

24 Hour Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

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