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Defendant Pleads Guilty to Shooting at Albany Police Officers



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that MALIK MOORE, 34, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a Class D Violent Felony, and (1) Count of Reckless Endangerment in the First Degree, a Class E Felony, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court yesterday afternoon.

On June 29, 2013, members of the Albany Police Department responded to a fight near the Port Tavern on South Pearl Street in the City of Albany. When officers responded to the scene and broke up the fight, the defendant went back to his house and retrieved a handgun and two dogs.

When he exited his house he fired three rounds towards the officers from 100 yards away and fled with the two dogs. Officers executed a search warrant at the defendant's residence and recovered loaded .357 revolver with 6 rounds of live ammunition, and a .380 semi-automatic handgun, which was consistent with the shell casings recovered at the scene of the shooting.

The handgun was then sent to the New York State Police Laboratory and tested, and the results concluded that MOORE's DNA was present on the loaded weapon.

MOORE was represented by Bernard Bryan, current president of the Albany Chapter of the NAACP.

MOORE faces 7 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post Release Supervision on the Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree charge and a concurrent State Prison sentence of 1 ½ to 3 years on the Reckless Endangerment in the First Degree charge when sentenced on May 8, 2014.

“Gun violence on the streets of Albany has reached an epidemic level. The actions of this defendant show a clear disregard for human life, and also to the two dogs that he decided to bring along on this shooting spree,” commented DA Soares. “My office works diligently with the youth in the community through our Legal Lives program and activities in our Outreach Office to teach youth that they do have a choice to make the right decisions, and that there are other paths that can advance them in life that do not involve street violence.”

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

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