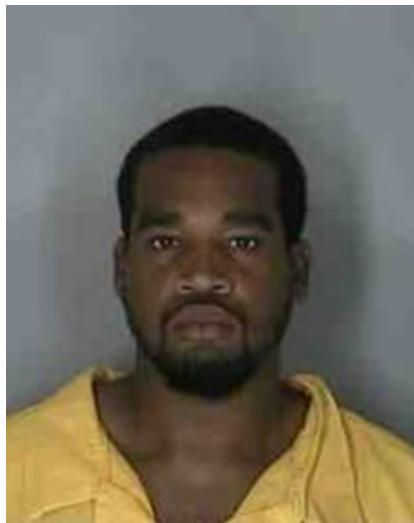




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## Defendant Sentenced to 13 ½ Years in State Prison for Possessing Illegal Firearm



**ALBANY, NY-** District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that RAQUAD GRAHAM, 22, of Watervliet, was sentenced to 13 ½ years in State Prison as a Second Violent Felony Offender, to be followed by 5 years of Post Release Supervision, before the Honorable Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Supreme Court this morning.

On January 14, 2014, GRAHAM 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.

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 based upon DNA found on the handgun that matched the defendant's DNA.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kurt Haas of the Street Crimes Unit.

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