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Defendant Sentenced to 13 Years in State Prison for Illegally Possessing Stolen Handgun



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that WILLIE MORRIS, 33, of Albany, was sentenced to 13 years in State Prison before the Honorable Stephen Herrick in Albany County Court this morning.

On January 10, 2014, MORRIS was found guilty of (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a Class C Felony.

On January 6, 2013, the defendant was in a large group of people that were blocking the sidewalk outside of Port Tavern on South Pearl Street in the City of Albany. When officers asked the group to clear the sidewalk, the defendant fled, prompting officers to chase after him.

As officers chased the defendant, they saw him throw a loaded .22 caliber handgun into a yard. After officers apprehended the defendant, they recovered the handgun. An investigation revealed the handgun was reported stolen from the Miami Dade Police Department in September 2011.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sean Childs of the Street Crimes Unit.

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