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Defendant Sentenced to 9 Years in State Prison for Starting Structural Fire at Albany Medical Center

Defendant Ordered to Pay Over \$1,000,000 in Restitution for Damages



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **MICHAEL MCALLISTER**, 54, of Albany, was sentenced to 9 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post Release Supervision, before the Honorable Stephen Herrick in Albany County Court this morning.

On February 6, 2014, MCALLISTER pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Arson in the Second Degree, a Class B Felony, (1) Count of Burglary in the Third Degree, a Class D Felony, and (1) Count of Criminal Mischief in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony.

In addition to the 9 year determinate State Prison sentence imposed by the Court on the Arson in the Second Degree charge, the defendant was also sentenced to two concurrent sentences of 2 to 6 years in State Prison on the Burglary in the Third Degree and the Criminal Mischief in the Second Degree charges, respectively.

The Court also ordered the defendant to pay restitution in excess of \$1,000,000 to cover the damage caused by the fire.

On August 9, 2013 at 5:00am, the defendant unlawfully entered a building at Albany Medical Center in the City of Albany and started a fire by means of igniting paper, a chair and other items that were in the immediate vicinity. As members of the Albany Fire Department responded to extinguish the fire, the defendant approached a first responder at the scene and admitted to starting the fire.

This case was prosecuted by Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Cheryl Fowler.

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