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Fifth Co-Defendant Pleads Guilty for Role in Gambling Ring



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **TIMOTHY ROBILLARD**, 44, of Clifton Park, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Promoting Gambling in the First Degree, a Class E Felony, before the Honorable Joseph Teresi in Albany County Supreme Court this morning.

On July 7, 2011 at locations in and around Albany County, TIMOTHY ROBILLARD, acting in concert with co-defendants JOSEPH CARUCCI, 68, of Albany, JAMES CERNIGLIA, 47, of Clifton Park, CRAIG HAYNER, 44, of Clifton Park, and CHRISTOPHER SOCOLA, 42, of Clifton Park, knowingly engaged and profited from unlawful gambling activity.

TIMOTHY ROBILLARD faces 1 year of a Conditional Discharge and must forfeit \$25,000 in illegal gambling profits when sentenced on April 15, 2014.

On June 25, 2013, JOSEPH CARUCCI, JAMES CERNIGLIA and CHRISTOPHER SOCOLA each pleaded guilty for their roles in the gambling ring.

JOSEPH CARUCCI and JAMES CERNIGLIA both pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Promoting Gambling in the Second degree, a Class A Misdemeanor. CHRISTOPHER SOCOLA pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Promoting Gambling in the First Degree, a Class E Felony.

CHRISTOPHER SOCOLA admitted to engaging in a bookmaking for profit scheme, including a July 2011 incident in Albany County. JOSEPH CARUCCI and JAMES CERNIGLIA pleaded guilty to knowingly advancing or profiting from unlawful gambling activity, including incidents on or around July 7, 2011.

On August 27, 2013, CHRISTOPHER SOCOLA, JOSEPH CARUCCI and JAMES CERNIGLIA were sentenced to a 1 year conditional discharge. JOSEPH CARUCCI and JAMES CERNIGLIA forfeited \$15,000 and \$5,000 in illegal gambling profits respectively.

On July 23, 2013, HAYNER pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Promoting Gambling in the First Degree, a Class E Felony.

HAYNER admitted to engaging in a bookmaking for profit scheme, including a July 2011 incident in Albany County. HAYNER also forfeited \$250,000 in illegal gambling profits at the time of sentencing.

Assistant District Attorney Steven Sharp and Assistant District Attorney Brett Knowles are handling the prosecution of this case.

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