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Guilty Plea for Assault on Colonie Police Officer



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that DENITA COLLIER, 19, of Schenectady, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Assault in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony, before the Honorable Andrew Ceresia in the Supreme Court of Albany County this morning.

On March 13, 2013 on Central Avenue in the Town of Colonie, COLLIER was a passenger in a vehicle that was pulled over by a member of the Colonie Police Department for a traffic violation. When asked by the officer to identify herself, COLLIER gave the officer a false name.

When the officer attempted to place the defendant under arrest for false personation, COLLIER fled on foot. During the chase, COLLIER did bite the officer on the hand, causing the officer to lose control of his baton. COLLIER then grabbed the baton and began repeatedly striking the officer in the head, causing a laceration which required staples and other medical attention.

COLLIER faces 4 years in State Prison followed by 1 ½ years of Post Release Supervision when sentenced on June 19, 2013. This guilty plea is in full satisfaction of a pending case in Colonie Town Court charging the defendant with (1) Count of Criminal Tampering in the Third Degree, a Class B Misdemeanor.

“An assault on a member of law enforcement will never be tolerated in Albany County. My office will not stop until the perpetrator is brought to justice and held accountable for their actions,” commented District Attorney Soares.

Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Cheryl Fowler is handling the prosecution of this case.

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