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## Multiple Defendants Plead Guilty in Albany County Court to Driving Drunk



**Timothy Austin**



**Jacklyn Moran**



**Jason Sanchez**

**ALBANY, NY-** District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **TIMOTHY AUSTIN**, 52, of Oak Hill, New York, **JACKLYN MORAN**, 33, of Ballston Spa, and **JASON SANCHEZ**, 32, of Albany, all have pleaded guilty in Albany County Court in three unrelated incidents of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

TIMOTHY AUSTIN pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

On October 26, 2013 at the intersection of Copeland Hill Road and Route 32 in the Town of Coeymans, members of the New York State Police were approached by a bystander who said that a vehicle had driven through a guardrail and was at the bottom of an embankment next to the road. As officers approached the vehicle, they observed the defendant climbing up the embankment and asked him what happened.

The defendant told officers that he had swerved to avoid hitting a deer and that he had not been drinking any alcohol. However, officers observed the defendant exhibiting several signs of intoxication and he failed multiple field sobriety tests. When officers placed the defendant under arrest and brought him into custody, he registered a BAC of .21%

AUSTIN faces 90 days in the Albany County Jail, 3 years of Misdemeanor Probation, a \$1,000 fine, the installation of an Ignition Interlock Device for 3 years and a minimum of 1 year of license revocation when sentenced on May 12, 2014.

Additionally, JACKLYN MORAN pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated- Leandra's Law, a Class E Felony, before the Honorable Stephen Herrick in Albany County Court this morning.

On October 25, 2013, the defendant was involved in a motor vehicle collision that resulted in property damage in the Town of Colonie. When the driver of the other vehicle confronted her, she drove away and caused minor injuries to the driver and further damage to the driver's vehicle. As the defendant attempted to drive off, her son, an underage minor, got out of the vehicle as the driver pursued the defendant and recorded her erratic driving. The defendant eventually pulled into a parking lot and was prevented from leaving by the other driver.

Officers with the Colonie Police Department arrived and spoke with the defendant. Officers observed her exhibiting multiple physical signs of intoxication. Officers arrested the defendant and brought her into custody, where she registered a BAC of .24%

MORAN faces 7 months in the Albany County Jail, 5 years of Felony Probation, the installation of an Ignition Interlock Device for 5 years, a \$1,000 fine, pay \$450.00 in restitution to the victim, a minimum of 1 year of license revocation and must participate in the Saratoga County Drug Court program when sentenced on May 5, 2014.

Finally, JASON SANCHEZ pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated- Leandra's Law, a Class E Felony, before the Honorable Stephen Herrick in Albany County Court this morning.

On November 4, 2013 on Madison Avenue in the City of Albany, officers with the Albany Police Department observed the defendant operating a motor vehicle without head lights on and initiated a traffic stop. As officers approached the vehicle and talked to the defendant, they observed him exhibiting multiple physical signs of intoxication and noticed an open container of beer in the center cup holder.

The defendant failed multiple field sobriety tests and registered a BAC of .19% while in custody. During the time of his arrest, the defendant had an 8 year old child and a 3 year old child in the vehicle, neither one of which had their seatbelt on.

SANCHEZ faces 60 days of Community Service with the Albany County STOP DWI program, 5 years of Felony Probation, a \$1,000 fine, the installation of an Ignition Interlock Device for 5 years, a minimum of 1 year of license revocation and must participate in the Albany County Drug Court program when sentenced on May 9, 2014.

These cases are being prosecuted by Vehicular Crimes Bureau Chief Mary Tanner-Richter.

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