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Sentencing for Repeat Drunk Driver



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that VINCENT SHEEHAN, 66, of Albany, was sentenced to a 5 year term of Felony Probation before Judge Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court yesterday morning.

On November 12, 2015 SHEEHAN pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated with .08 of 1% Alcohol or More in Blood, and (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated.

On May 14, 2015 Guilderland Town Police responded to a call from a local restaurant on Western Avenue where SHEEHAN was reported to be intoxicated. Upon arrival, officers found SHEEHAN displaying visible signs of intoxication. SHEEHAN failed Field Sobriety Tests and was found to have a Blood Alcohol Content of 0.17. SHEEHAN admitted to driving from his house to the restaurant.

Based on SHEEHAN's four prior DWI convictions, the People offered him a plea bargain that called for one year in jail. SHEEHAN rejected that offer, and instead exercised his right to plead guilty to the indictment. At sentencing, the People recommended that he be sentenced to one year in jail, followed by five years of probation.

Ultimately, he was sentenced to five years of probation, including five years of a mandatory Ignition Interlock device, a \$1,000 fine, and one year minimum license revocation, which is subject to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

"This case illustrates why we take DWI so seriously in Albany County," commented DA David Soares. "We asked for jail time because the defendant's five DWI convictions demonstrate that he poses a danger to everyone on the road. I feel strongly about this issue, and we will continue to seek tough penalties for habitual drunk drivers when appropriate."

This case was prosecuted by Vehicular Crimes Bureau Chief Mary Tanner-Richter.

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