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21 Years in State Prison for Attempted Murder, Strangulation and Assault of Relative



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that THOMAS RYDER, 45, of Rathdrum, Idaho, was sentenced to 21 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post Release Supervision, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

On March 18, 2014, RYDER was found guilty following a bench trial of (1) Count of Attempted Murder in the Second Degree, a Class B Violent Felony, (1) Count of Strangulation in the First Degree, a Class C Violent Felony, (1) Count of Strangulation in the Second Degree, a Class D Violent Felony, (1) Count of Assault in the Second Degree, a Class D Violent Felony and (1) Count of Assault in the Second Degree-To Injure a Victim age 65 or Older when the Defendant is at Least 10 Years Younger, a Class D Violent Felony.

On May 23, 2013 at a residence on Morton Avenue in the City of Albany, the defendant did attempt to cause the death of the victim, a 65 year old relative, by obstructing her breathing using his hands and repeatedly hit her in the head with a closed fist and a pair of headphones.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Chantelle Cleary of the Special Victims Unit.

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