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## 8 ½ Years in State Prison for Violent Residential Burglary

*Defendant Stole AR-15, AK-47 Assault Rifles, Several Handguns and One Kilo  
of Cocaine from Residence*



**ALBANY, NY-** District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that MICHAEL BANKS JUNIOR, 21, of Albany, was sentenced to 8 ½ years in State Prison, to be followed of 5 years of Post Release Supervision, before the Honorable Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Supreme Court this morning.

On November 1, 2013, the defendant pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Burglary in the First Degree, a Class C Violent Felony.

On June 23, 2013 on Frost Place in the City of Albany, the defendant and his father, MICHAEL BANKS SENIOR, 46, of Albany, entered a residence armed with a pistol and rifle and began to strike an occupant who was inside at the time. After striking the occupant, the defendants then stole an AR-15 assault rifle, an AK-47 assault rifle, multiple handguns and one kilo of cocaine from inside and fled.

On January 14, 2014, MICHAEL BANKS SENIOR pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Burglary in the First Degree, a Class C Violent Felony, before the Honorable Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Supreme Court and is awaiting sentencing.

Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hauf of the Major Offense Unit handled the prosecution of this case.

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