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Armed Bank Robber Sentenced



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that RODOLFO RIOS, 52, of Feura Bush, was sentenced to 13 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post-Release Supervision, before the Honorable Roger McDonough in Albany County Supreme Court this morning.

On December 22, 2014, RIOS pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Robbery in the First Degree, a Class C Felony.

On December 18, 2013, at approximately 11:30 a.m., officers from the Albany Police Department responded to the M&T Bank, located at 80 State Street, for a report of a robbery.

The report stated that a male suspect had entered the bank armed with a knife and demanded money from a teller. The teller complied and the suspect fled the scene with an undisclosed amount of cash.

Shortly after the incident, an Albany Police Officer saw a person matching the robber's description and apprehended RIOS. RIOS was found in possession of the money, a knife, and a plastic baggie containing crack cocaine.

This is not RIOS's first conviction for bank robbery.

In 2006 RIOS was convicted for the armed robbery of the Citizens Bank located at 10 North Pearl Street in Albany. RIOS was sentenced to 9 ½ years in state prison for that incident and was released to the supervision of New York State Parole on October 9, 2013.

Assistant District Attorney Linda Griggs prosecuted this case.

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