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Arraignment in Alleged Albany County Rape Case



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that MICHAEL SNYDER, 59, of Medusa, NY, was arraigned before the Honorable William A. Carter in Albany County Court this morning.

An Albany County Grand Jury previously returned charges against Snyder alleging that he committed (3) Counts of Rape in the Third Degree, each Class E Felonies, (2) Counts of Criminal Sexual Act in the Third Degree, each Class E Felonies, and (8) Counts of Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree, each Class A Misdemeanors.

The indictment alleges that on three separate dates between March 16, 2019 and March 22, 2019, while at the Albany County Correctional Facility, located at 840 Albany Shaker Road in the Town of Colonie, SNYDER did engage in sexual intercourse and oral sexual conduct with female inmate who during each incident was incapable of consent by reason of being an inmate at the facility. The indictment also alleges that between December 10, 2018 and January 20, 2019, while at the above stated location, SNYDER did subject a different female inmate to sexual contact when she was incapable of consent also by reason of being an inmate at the facility.

At the time of each incident, SNYDER was employed by the Albany County Correctional Facility and both victims were committed to the care and custody of such facility.

SNYDER pleaded not guilty to the charges today in court. No new court appearances have been scheduled at this time.

Special Victims Unit Bureau Chief Shannon Sarfoh and Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schrantz are handling the prosecution of this case.

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*All parties are presumed innocent until
and unless proven guilty*

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