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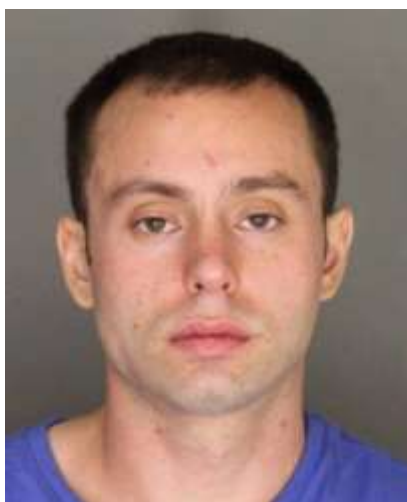
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Arraignment in Alleged Sexual Assault Case



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares today announced that FRANKLIN CASATELLI, 25, of Guilderland, was arraigned on (1) Count of Rape in the First Degree, a Class B Felony, (1) Count of Burglary in the Second Degree, as a Sexually Motivated Felony, a Class C Felony, (1) Count of Attempted Burglary in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony, (1) Count of Attempted Burglary in the Second Degree, as a Sexually Motivated Felony, a Class D Felony, and (1) Count of Criminal Trespass in the Third Degree, a Class B Misdemeanor, before the Honorable Judge William A. Carter in Albany County Court this morning.

An Albany County Grand Jury previously returned an indictment alleging that on October 23, 2016, in the vicinity of the Dutch Quad on the SUNY Albany Campus located in the City of Albany, CASATELLI allegedly unlawfully entered a residential student suite and engaged in

sexual intercourse with a female who was incapable of consent at the time. In addition, the indictment also alleges he attempted to enter another residential suite on Dutch Quad with intent to commit a crime therein.

CASATELLI remains in custody. No new court appearance dates have been scheduled at this time.

Special Victims Unit Bureau Chief Shannon K. Sarfoh is prosecuting this case.

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***All charged individuals are presumed innocent
until proven guilty.***