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## **Bench Warrant Brings 15 Year Fugitive to Justice**



**ALBANY, NY** - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that JOHN RICE, 53, of Albany, was sentenced to 1 to 3 years in Albany State Prison before the Honorable William A. Carter in Albany County Court this morning.

On April 23 2002, RICE pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Operating a Motor Vehicle While Under the Influence of Alcohol, a Class E Felony.

On June 17, 2001, at 12:28 A.M., in the area of Saratoga Street, in the City of Cohoes, County of Albany, RICE did operate a motor vehicle while in an intoxicated condition. Cohoes Police Department initiated the traffic stop. During the stop, RICE displayed physical signs of intoxication and refused the breathalyzer test.

RICE was set to be sentenced on September 3, 2002 but failed to appear in court. A bench warrant was then issued for his arrest in a separate Driving While Intoxicated charge from Rensselaer County.

On August 1, 2017, RICE was arrested for the warrant that was issued in 2002 as well as the open case in Albany County.

Bureau Chief Mary Tanner-Richter of the Vehicular Crimes Unit prosecuted this case.

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