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Counterfeit Crimes Cases Resolve in Albany County Court



PARKER



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ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that two counterfeit crimes cases have been resolved this week by our Financial Crimes Unit.

TALIB PARKER, 28, of Troy, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the First Degree, a Class C Felony, before the Honorable Judge Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court yesterday for possessing counterfeit currency.

Between November 1, 2013 and April 10, 2014, PARKER engaged in conduct to use counterfeit \$50 bills at various retail stores in Albany County to purchase high end electronics and then return those items in exchange for real US currency. The thefts were uncovered by the Bethlehem Police Department, and the case was investigated with assistance from the Guilderland Police, New York State Police, Albany County District Attorney's Office's Financial Crime Unit and the U.S. Secret Service.

PARKER faces 2 to 6 years in State Prison when sentenced on May 26, 2015.

In a separate case, UMAR DAVIS, 21, of Albany, was sentenced to a total of (1) year incarceration to be followed by 5 years of Felony Probation before the Honorable Judge Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court yesterday for possessing and passing counterfeit cash throughout Albany County. DAVIS previously pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the First Degree, a Class C Felony.

During November 2014, DAVIS passed counterfeit \$20 at retail establishments in Albany County, including Wendy's Restaurant and Hannaford Supermarket in the Town of Bethlehem. The thefts were uncovered by the Bethlehem Police Department, and the case was investigated with assistance from the Albany Police, Colonie Police, and the U.S. Secret Service.

Assistant District Attorney Philip Apruzzese of the Financial Crimes Unit is prosecuting these cases.

DA Soares urges all retailers and consumers to always be alert for counterfeit currency, including checks, cash, and credit cards. Consumers should also routinely check financial statements for accuracy. If you suspect illegal counterfeit activity please contact law enforcement immediately.

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