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## DNA Links Burglar to Crime Scene



**ALBANY, NY** - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that VINCENT FAULKNER, 33, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Burglary in the Second Degree, a Class C Felony, before Honorable Judge Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

During the overnight hours on January 25, 2014, a break in was reported from a home on Third Street in the City of Albany. The victim reported that \$1,070.00 worth of property, including cell phones and jewelry, was taken.

The Albany Police Department responded, and was able to collect evidence of blood that was found on a curtain next to a window that was used to gain access to the home. The evidence was

sent to the New York State Police Laboratory to be tested.

In 2014, the DNA developed from the crime scene was matched to a profile in the state database of a previously convicted offender. The offender, VINCENT FAULKNER, was convicted of Criminal Contempt in August 2013. Upon his conviction, FAULKNER was mandated to supply his DNA to the database, resulting in the positive hit from the Third Street burglary.

FAULKNER faces 5 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post-Release Supervision, when sentenced on May 5, 2015.

Major Offenses Unit Bureau Chief Shannon Corbitt prosecuted this case.

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