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Father Pleads Guilty to Stealing Daughter's Identity



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **KELVIN SFERRAZZA**, 25, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Identity Theft in the First Degree, a Class D Felony, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

On August 23, 2011, the defendant unlawfully assumed the identity of his daughter by using her social security number in order to obtain a loan in the amount of \$10,060 from Community Resource Federal Credit Union. The defendant again used his daughter's social security number in order to obtain a loan from the same bank in the amount of \$1,000 on December 19, 2011.

SFERRAZZA engaged in a similar scheme at SEFCU by using his daughter's social security number to obtain a loan. In addition, he wrongfully obtained social security disability benefits by lying on his applications and saying that the income reported on his social security number was not his and he had been the victim of identity theft. The defendant was in fact employed at the time he filled out the applications.

SFERRAZZA faces 1 to 3 years in State Prison when sentenced on December 4, 2013. The defendant also must pay restitution to SEFCU in the amount of \$17,000, restitution to Community Resource Federal Credit Union in the amount of \$4,000 and restitution to the Social Security Administration in the amount of \$19,281.31.

Assistant District Attorney Benjamin Clark of the Financial Crimes Unit is handling the prosecution of this case.

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