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## **Guilty Plea for Car Parts Thief**



**ALBANY, NY-** District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that JOSEPH CRANKER, 31, of Altamont, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Mischief in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony, before Honorable Judge Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court yesterday afternoon.

On September 17, 2014, CRANKER illegally cut out the catalytic converters on multiple vehicles that were parked on residential streets the Town of Colonie. Colonie Police apprehended CRANKER and found tools and the stolen car parts in the truck he was driving.

CRANKER faces 2 to 4 years in State Prison and will be ordered to pay full restitution to the victims when sentenced on April 28, 2015.

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

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