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Guilty Plea for Cohoes Drunk Driver



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that WILLIAM SMITH, 51, of Cohoes, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated, a Class E Felony, before the Honorable Judge Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Supreme Court this morning.

On October 21, 2016, just before 10:00 P.M., members of the Troy Police Department attempted to stop a vehicle being driven by SMITH after observing him driving erratically. SMITH failed

to comply with their commands that he stop the vehicle and led police on a pursuit. SMITH left Troy and drove through the City of Cohoes recklessly, into on-coming traffic, through red lights, and at a high rate of speed. SMITH finally stopped the vehicle then ran from his truck and led Cohoes Police on a foot pursuit before ultimately being apprehended. SMITH displayed physical signs of intoxication, and refused all DWI field and chemical testing.

SMITH faces 1 to 3 years in State Prison, in addition to a \$1000 fine, License Revocation for a minimum of 1 year subject to DMV determination, mandatory use of an Ignition Interlock Device for 5 years, and mandatory completion of the Victim Impact Panel and Drinking Driver Programs, when sentenced on February 2, 2017.

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

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