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## Guilty Plea in Albany County Check Fraud Scheme



**ALBANY, NY** – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that JAHQUEL ROBERTSON, 22, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Forgery Device in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony, and (1) Count of Scheme to Defraud in the First Degree, a Class E Felony, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

Between March and October of 2017, ROBERTSON did perpetuate a check fraud scheme that plagued numerous banks and Price Chopper branches throughout Albany County, commencing investigations by numerous law enforcement agencies including the US Postal Inspectors, New

York State Police, Colonie PD, Albany PD, Guilderland PD, Bethlehem PD, Cohoes PD, and Watervliet PD.

Specifically, on September 29, 2017, during the execution of a search warrant at the ROBERTSON'S residence, a laptop was recovered containing many of the forged checks produced and used over the past year. The loss sustained by the victim banks and Price Chopper branches is estimated to be approximately \$90,000.00.

ROBERSTON faces 3 2/3 -11 years in State Prison when sentenced on January 8, 2018.

Assistant District Attorney Shadi Masri of the Financial Crimes Unit prosecuted this case.

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