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Guilty Plea in Check Cashing Scheme



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that MARK REED, 49, of Colonie, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony, before the Honorable Roger D. McDonough in Albany County Supreme Court this morning.

An investigation by the Albany Police Department uncovered that on May 13, 2015, while located at a residence in the City of Albany, REED possessed a counterfeit insurance company check that was made payable to another individual. In the furtherance of a scheme, REED would create counterfeit checks and attempt to have others redeem them for money at check cashing locations in the Capital District.

REED has a previous recent felony conviction for a similar offense in Rensselaer County, and will be ordered to serve a consecutive State Prison term of 3 ½ to 7 years in State Prison when sentenced on October 28, 2016.

Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Cheryl Fowler is prosecuting this case.

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