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Guilty Plea in Violent Colonie Gang Assault



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that SKYLAR WEST, 19, of Green Island, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Gang Assault in the First Degree, a Class B Violent Felony, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

On July 14, 2017, at approximately 10:15 PM, in in the Town of Colonie, WEST, acting in concert with six other men, did cause serious physical injury to a person who was known to him. As the victim attempted to flee the scene, WEST and the others caught and violently beat the victim with BB guns, fists, and feet, resulting in fractures to the victim's nose, orbital bone, and

spine. The victim was also stabbed. WEST later confessed to this crime on Facebook to a person who was known to him. At the time of the incident WEST was a Drug Court participant from a previous unrelated charge.

The other six co-defendants were not able to be identified.

WEST faces 7 to 10 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post-Release Supervision, when sentenced on April 2, 2018. This sentence will run consecutive to a 1 to 3 year sentence for the Drug Court violation.

Assistant District Attorney Joseph Brucato of the Major Crimes Unit is prosecuting this case.

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