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Guilty Pleas In Strong Arm Robbery and Home Invasion Case



Abdallah



Diallo



Mathayo

ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced that ASHRAF ABDULLAH, 24, SAMBA DIALLO, 21, and DENG MATHAYO, 21, all of Albany, have pleaded guilty to robbery charges stemming from an October 29, 2012 strong arm store robbery in the City of Albany and a September 4, 2012 gunpoint home invasion in the Town of Bethlehem.

Today, April 26, 2013, ASHRAF ABDULLAH pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Robbery in the Second Degree, a Class C Violent Felony, before Honorable Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Court. ABDULLAH faces up to 15 years in State Prison when sentenced on May 30, 2013.

On April 25, 2013, SAMBA DIALLO pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Robbery in the Second Degree, a Class C Violent Felony, before Honorable Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Court. DIALLO faces up to 15 years in State Prison when sentenced on May 30, 2013.

On December 5, 2012, MATHAYO pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Robbery in the Second Degree, a Class C Violent Felony, before Honorable Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Court. MATHAYO faces 2 ½ years in State Prison when sentenced on May 15, 2013.

On October 29, 2012, at approximately 7:05 p.m., at 381 South Pearl Street, in the City of Albany, the three defendants did restrain and repeatedly strike a store clerk with hands, a glass bottle and what appeared to be a handgun. The three defendants did then tie and gag the store clerk in the back room using duct tape and rope. After the clerk was restrained, the three defendants continued to punch the clerk and struck him in the face repeatedly with what appeared to be a handgun, causing the skin on the clerk's forehead just above the eye to split open and breaking his nose. The defendants did steal property from the store and cash from the victim's pocket.

These pleas of guilty for ABDULLAH and DIALLO also satisfy a September 4, 2012 home invasion case where these co-defendants did rob a victim outside of his home in the Town of Bethlehem. These co-defendants did beat the victim with a bat, and then dragged him inside his home and stole cash, his cell phone, a laptop, and other items from him at gunpoint.

"I applaud the work of both the Albany and Bethlehem Police Departments in apprehending these individuals," commented DA David Soares.

Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Cheryl Fowler is handling the prosecution of these cases.

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