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## Guilty Pleas for Illegal Weapons Possession



**ALBANY, NY-** District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that two individuals pleaded guilty to illegal weapons possession this week in Albany County Court.

JAMES HILL, 41, of Schenectady, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a Class D Armed Felony, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court yesterday morning.

On November 28, 2014, at approximately 8:15pm, in the area of I-890 in the Town of Guilderland, HILL was stopped by NYS Police at a sobriety check point. Officers detected the odor of marijuana and proceeded to search the vehicle. They uncovered a loaded Ruger P95 9mm firearm bearing a defaced serial number that was not legally registered to HILL.

HILL faces 3 years in State Prison, to be followed by 3 years of Post-Release Supervision, when sentenced on June 5, 2015.

Additionally, SEAN BROWN, 25, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a Class D Armed Felony, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court yesterday morning.

An investigation led by the Albany Police Department uncovered that on November 7, 2014, at a residence on Orange Street in the City of Albany, BROWN was in possession of a loaded Norinco 9mm semi-automatic weapon. BROWN is prohibited from possessing a weapon due to a previous felony conviction.

BROWN faces 4 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post-Release Supervision, when sentenced on April 30, 2015.

Assistant District Attorney Steven Sharp of the Street Crimes Unit is prosecuting these cases.

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