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Guilty Verdict in Guilderland Drunk Driver Jury Trial



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that PATRICK HAGGERTY, 31, of Schenectady, was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated, and (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated, both Misdemeanors, before the Honorable John Bailey in Guilderland Town Court yesterday afternoon.

The jury found that on March 2, 2014, at approximately 1:32 A.M., in the area of Alvina Boulevard and Western Avenue in the Town of Guilderland, members of the Guilderland Police Department initiated a traffic stop after observing HAGGERTY driving erratically. During the stop HAGGERTY displayed physical signs of intoxication and failed multiple field sobriety tests. After HAGGERTY was arrested, a breathalyzer test was performed, and it was found HAGGERTY had a blood alcohol content level of .18 per cent.

HAGGERTY faces up to 1 year in the Albany County Correctional Facility or 3 years of Probation when sentenced on June 8, 2017. HAGGERTY will also be ordered to pay between a \$1,000 and \$2500 fine, in addition to having a mandatory Ignition Interlock Device installed for 1 year, a minimum 1 year license revocation subject to the Department of Motor Vehicle determinations, and a required completion of the Victim Impact Panel and Impaired Driver Programs.

Assistant District Attorney Shanza Malik prosecuted this case. Legal Intern Ryan Murphy assisted at trial.

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