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Guilty Verdict in Stalking Trial



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that DEBRA BUSH, 51, of Cohoes, was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Criminal Trespass, a Misdemeanor, (2) Counts of Criminal Mischief in the Second Degree, each Class D Felonies, (1) Count of Driving While Ability Impaired, a Traffic Infraction, and (1) Count of Stalking in the Fourth Degree, a Misdemeanor, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

A jury found that during the nighttime hours of January 6, 2016, BUSH trespassed inside a residence on Wilkins Avenue in the Town of Colonie. While on the property BUSH caused

damage to two vehicles, totaling over \$3000. The residents recognized BUSH as someone who was known to them and contacted the Colonie Police Department to report the incident. Members of the Colonie Police Department responded to BUSH's home and found her in her vehicle while in an impaired state.

The jury also found that between April 2014 and January 2016, BUSH placed repeat telephone calls and text messages to one of the residents of the home on Wilkins Avenue.

BUSH was remanded into custody after the verdict today. BUSH faces up to 2 1/3 to 7 years in State Prison when sentenced on June 8, 2017.

Special Victims Unit Bureau Chief Shannon K. Sarfoh prosecuted this case.

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