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Guitar Thief Found Guilty After Jury Trial



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that LATIF SHAMSUDDIN, 52, of Albany, was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Burglary in the Second Degree, a Class C Violent Felony, before the Honorable William A. Carter in Albany County Court yesterday afternoon.

The jury found that on August 15, 2016, at approximately 3:45 P.M., SHAMSUDDIN entered Modern Body Art on South Pearl Street in the City of Albany, with the intent to sell a guitar that he claimed was once owned by his father. The clerk working behind the counter bought the guitar at a heavily reduced price, and had a suspicion that it might be stolen. Upon contacting the Albany Police Department, it was discovered that a guitar matching the description of the one sold was stolen from the Hilton Hotel on Lodge Street that same day. SHAMSUDDIN was filmed on multiple security cameras at the Hilton Hotel with the guitar. On August 18, 2016, on Madison Avenue in the City of Albany, after an investigation by members of the Albany Police Department, SHAMSUDDIN was taken into custody and later confessed to police.

SHAMSUDDIN faces up to 15 years in State Prison when sentenced on July 20, 2017.

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

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Security Camera Footage of Shamsuddin Stealing the Guitar from the Hilton Hotel

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