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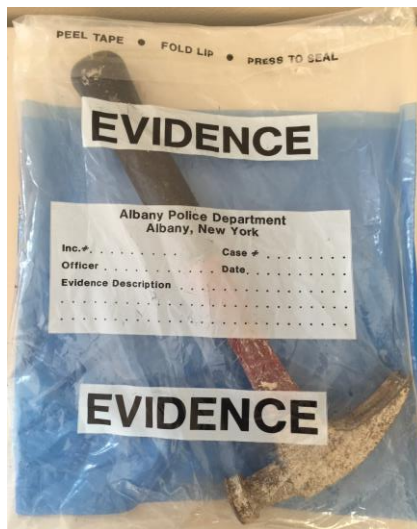
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## Hammer Assault Trial Leads to Guilty Verdict



**GILL**



**HAMMER USED IN ASSAULT**

**ALBANY, NY** – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that RASHEED GILL, 30, of Albany, was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Attempted Assault in the First Degree, a Class C Felony, and (1) Count of Assault in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony, before the Honorable Peter A Lynch in Albany County Court late yesterday afternoon.

On December 14, 2015, at approximately 11:10 p.m. outside of a residence at Elm Street in the City of Albany, GILL struck a person known to him repeatedly in the head with a metal hammer during an altercation. The victim sustained bleeding lacerations and hematomas to the head as a result of the attack. After the assault, GILL threw the metal hammer in to a nearby sewer grate. The Albany Water Department was able to retrieve the weapon from a nearby catch basin in the sewer system.

GILL was remanded into custody after the verdict and faces up to 15 years in State Prison when he is sentenced on September 28, 2016.

Assistant District Attorney Dennis DiBari of the Major Offense Unit handled the prosecution of this case.

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