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Identity Thief Pleads Guilty for Using Stolen Personal Information to Obtain Car Loan and Jewelry Store Credit Account



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that TRAVIS CHANDLER, 45, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Identity Theft in the First Degree, a Class D Felony, and (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony, before the Honorable Roger D. McDonough in Albany County Supreme Court on Friday morning.

During 2014, at locations in the City of Albany and in the Town of East Greenbush, CHANDLER did possess multiple forms of identification of a victim, and did take out a car loan

and credit at a local jewelry store using said stolen information. The auto dealership contacted authorities when a discrepancy arose over the validity of a fraudulent driver's license presented by CHANDLER and by an alleged co-defendant. Months later, the victim also received information about a credit account in the mail that was opened by CHANDLER and the alleged co-defendant.

CHANDLER has a previous felony conviction for Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument.

CHANDLER faces 4 to 8 years in State Prison when sentenced on April 1, 2016.

Assistant District Attorney Jessica Blain-Lewis of the Financial Crimes Unit is prosecuting this case.

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