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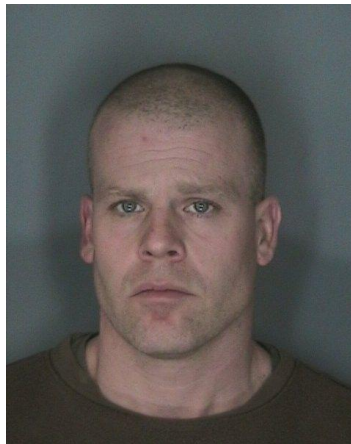
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## Illegal Handgun Guilty Plea



**ALBANY, NY-** District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **THOMAS MCLAUGHLIN**, 39, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a Class D Armed Felony, before the Honorable Stephen W. Herrick in Albany County Court yesterday morning.

On March 31, 2014, the Albany County Sheriff's Department was executing a search warrant at a residence on Western Avenue in the Town of Guilderland as part of a narcotics investigation. **MCLAUGHLIN** entered the premises during the search claiming to be there to fix the plumbing.

Subsequently MCLAUGHLIN was found to be in possession of 1.8 pounds of marijuana and a loaded Glock handgun.

MCLAUGHLIN faces 3 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post-Release Supervision, when sentenced on May 19, 2015.

Assistant District Attorney Steven Sharp of the Street Crimes Unit is prosecuting this case.

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