



OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
P. DAVID SOARES  
6 LODGE STREET  
ALBANY, NEW YORK 12207  
(518) 487-5460  
(518) 487-5093 FAX

**CONTACT:** [CECILIA.WALSH@ALBANYCOUNTYNY.GOV](mailto:CECILIA.WALSH@ALBANYCOUNTYNY.GOV)

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** JANUARY 22, 2018

## **Indictment Unsealed in Alleged Rape Case**



**ALBANY, NY** – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that ALBERT DIRSCHBERGER, 53, of Lancaster, NY, was arraigned before the Honorable Roger D. McDonough in Albany County Supreme Court this afternoon.

DIRSCHBERGER was arraigned on (1) Count of Rape in the Third Degree, a Class E Felony, and (1) Count of Criminal Sexual Act in the Third Degree, a Class E Felony, after a Grand Jury previously returned a sealed

indictment.

The sealed indictment opened today alleges that during the late evening of December 5, 2017 and early morning of December 6, 2017, while located in a hotel at 144 State Street in the City of Albany, DIRSCHBERGER engaged in sexual intercourse with an adult female victim that was known to him without her consent. In addition, the indictment alleges that DIRSCHBERGER engaged in oral sexual conduct with the same victim without her consent.

At the time of the incident DIRSCHBERGER was employed as the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services for Erie County, New York.

DIRSCHBERGER pleaded not guilty to the charges and bail was set at \$5,000 by the Court.

No new appearance dates have been scheduled by the Court at this time.

Assistant District Attorney Jennifer McCanney of the Special Victims Unit is handling the prosecution of this case.

For more information please contact the Albany County District Attorney's Public Information Officer at [cecilia.walsh@albanycountyny.gov](mailto:cecilia.walsh@albanycountyny.gov)

*All parties are presumed innocent until  
and unless proven guilty*

###