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## **Level 2 Sex Offender Pleads Guilty in Rape Case**



**ALBANY, NY-** District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that JONATHAN PODESWA, 36, of Watervliet, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Rape in the First Degree, a Class C Felony, before the Honorable Roger D. McDonough in Albany County Supreme Court this morning.

An investigation led by the Watervliet Police Department uncovered that over a (5) month period of time between August 2017 and January 2018, PODESWA engaged in a sexual relationship with a minor under the age of 13 years old.

At the time of the incident PODESWA was a registered Level 2 Sex Offender stemming from a 2009 conviction for the rape of a minor under the age of 18.

PODESWA faces 12 years in State Prison, to be followed by 25 years of Post-Release Supervision, when sentenced on August 31, 2018.

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

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