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Man Sentenced for Breaking into Apartments and Stealing from Elderly



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares today announced that RONNIE BARNES, 48, of Albany, NY, was sentenced to 11 years in State Prison to be followed by 3 years of post-release supervision before Judge Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Court this afternoon.

BARNES previously pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Burglary in the Second Degree, a Class C Violent Felony.

BARNES worked as a maintenance man for a brief time in 2010 at the Ohav Shalom Senior housing apartment building on Krumkill Road in Albany. During that time BARNES did befriend many of the elderly men and women who reside there. Beginning in the summer of 2011 BARNES did begin stealing from the elderly residents who lived at the apartment building. Eventually he was caught during one of the burglaries and his activities were brought to the attention of the authorities. The victims in this case range in age from 64 to 97 years old. BARNES was captured on video entering the apartment of one of the victims, as well as using one of the victim's credit cards at a local store.

This case was prosecuted by Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Cheryl Fowler.

For more information, please contact Cecilia Logue.



Albany County District Attorney P. David Soares has made it a top priority to vigorously address crimes committed against senior citizens.

The Office of the Albany County District Attorney, local social service and government agencies, and members of the senior community have teamed up in order to reduce, prevent and address crimes against older adults, through the Seniors And Law Enforcement Together Initiative. For more information please call our SALT tip line 447-SALT.

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