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## Man with 2 Handguns Found Guilty After Trial



**ALBANY, NY** - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that GAVIN THOMAS, 39,

of Albany, was found guilty after a jury trial of (2) Counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, both Class C Armed Felonies, and (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree, a Class D Felony, before the Honorable Judge Peter Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

On September 22, 2014, at approximately 8:13 p.m., in the area of 202 Jefferson Street in the City of Albany, THOMAS did possess two loaded firearms, a Taurus .38 Special 5-Shot Revolver and a HK USP .40 Smith & Wesson handgun. The Smith & Wesson had the serial number scratched out.

THOMAS faces up to 15 years in State Prison when he is sentenced on November 19, 2015.

“It seems every week we awaken to news of mass shootings and other reports of gun violence. Illegal guns and the people that carry them pose a clear and present danger to all of us,” DA Soares said. “While our collective attention is now on Oregon, cases like that of Mr. Thomas should serve as a reminder that illegal guns are everywhere and in the hands of those unworthy of the privilege.”

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

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