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Motorist Sentenced for Driving While High on Heroin

Defendant Was On Felony Probation at Time of Arrest for Previous DWI Conviction



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **KYLE PIANOWSKI**, 27, of New Scotland, was sentenced to 2 to 6 years in State Prison before the Honorable Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Supreme Court this morning.

This time will be served concurrent to a 1 to 3 year period of incarceration for the defendant's violation of his Felony Probation. Additionally, the Court imposed a \$2,000 fine, a minimum of 1 year of license revocation and the installation of an Ignition Interlock Device for a period of 3 years following the defendant's release from State Prison.

On April 2, 2014, PIANOWSKI pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated-Impaired by Drugs, a Class D Felony.

On February 22, 2014, the defendant was operating a motor vehicle on Western Avenue in the Town of Guilderland when members of the New York State Police observed him committing multiple vehicle and traffic violations and pulled him over.

After speaking with him, officers determined the defendant showed several physical signs of drug impairment and discovered he had multiple warrants out for his arrest in Schenectady County. After removing the defendant from the vehicle and placing him into custody, a search of the vehicle revealed four envelopes of heroin, ten hydrocodone pills and a hypodermic needle.

After being brought to the station for further tests, it was determined that the defendant was under the influence of heroin when he was pulled over. At the time of his arrest, the defendant was on Felony Probation stemming from an unrelated conviction of Driving While Intoxicated, a Class E Felony.

Vehicular Crimes Bureau Chief Mary Tanner-Richter prosecuted this case.

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