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One Year Sentence in Bathtub Arson Case



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that JEREMY MCGOWAN, 39, of Slingerlands, was sentenced to (1) Year in Local Jail before the Honorable Judge Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court yesterday.

On September 24, 2015, MCGOWAN was found guilty after a trial of (1) Count of Arson in the Fourth Degree, a Class E Felony.

On October 19, 2014, in the Town of Guilderland, at approximately 3:08 a.m., MCGOWAN became involved in a domestic dispute with a female victim. During the dispute, MCGOWAN opened one of the victim's drawers and removed her lingerie. MCGOWAN then placed the lingerie in the bathtub of the master bathroom and lit the items on fire just prior to leaving the premises. The fire grew substantially within minutes, causing damage to the bathtub as well as the surrounding areas in the bathroom.

Members of the Guilderland Police Department, Westmere Fire Department, Fort Hunter Fire Department, and McKnownville Fire Department responded to the call for a structure fire.

No injuries were reported as a result of the fire.

The People requested an Order of Protection in favor of the victim be put in place at the time of sentencing, but the request was denied by the Court.

“Protecting victims of crime is a priority for my office,” commented DA Soares. “We work aggressively to provide victim services before, during and after a prosecution. That is why we requested an order of protection in this case.”

Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Cheryl Fowler prosecuted this case.

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