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Operation Speeding Bullet: Cohoes Man Pleads Guilty To Gun Possession



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced that AZELL PINTO, 21, of Cohoes, pleaded guilty today to (1) Count of Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the

Second Degree, a Class D Violent Felony, before the Honorable Thomas Breslin in Albany County Supreme Court this morning.

On October 23, 2012, the Cohoes Police Department received a 911 call from an individual who reported a domestic disturbance in which PINTO was involved. The individual gave a description of PINTO, as well as PINTO's name to police. PINTO was stopped by Cohoes police while walking on Ontario Street in the City of Cohoes after a police officer reported a man fitting the description from the 911 call.

PINTO was arrested after it was determined PINTO had an active warrant in the City of Albany. While being processed, a search of PINTO's backpack uncovered a loaded .45 caliber Colt semi-automatic pistol, which PINTO admitted owning.

PINTO faces 3 years in State Prison followed by 3 years of Post Release Supervision when he is sentenced on January 11, 2013.

Assistant District Attorney Dan Lynch of the Street Crimes Bureau prosecuted this case.

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