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Persistent Violent Felon Sentenced 16 Years to Life in Bank Robbery Case



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that RICKY HINES, 41, of Gloversville, NY, was sentenced to 16 years to Life in State Prison, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court yesterday.

On March 5, 2019, HINES was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Robbery in the Second Degree, a Class C Violent Felony.

After thorough deliberation, the jury found that on April 25, 2018, at approximately 9:50 A.M., at the M & T Bank located at 911 Central Avenue in the City of Albany, HINES pointed a weapon at a bank teller and demanded money. HINES took approximately \$361.00 in cash and fled the scene. The stolen cash contained a GPS device that led officers to the vicinity of Swinburne Park near North Manning Boulevard. At this location, officers of Albany Police Department found HINES in possession of the stolen marked bills from the bank, the GPS device on the bills, and a black imitation pistol in his waistband.

After review of HINES' previous felony convictions, the Court deemed HINES a persistent violent felony offender at sentencing and imposed an enhanced sentence of 16 years to Life in State Prison.

Assistant District Attorney Benjamin Mastaitis of the Financial Crimes Unit handled the prosecution of this case.

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