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## **Possession and Sale of Illegal Firearms Leads to State Prison**



**ALBANY, NY-** District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that THOMAS POPE, 35, of Albany, was sentenced to two concurrent sentences of 12 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post Release Supervision, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning for possessing and selling illegal firearms.

On February 5, 2014, POPE pleaded guilty to (2) Counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, both Class C Armed Felonies.

On June 19, 2013 while at a residence on Bleeker Terrace in the City of Albany, POPE did illegally possess a FB Radom 9mm Pistol Model X915. POPE did then sell this illegal weapon, along with (1) box of 9mm Speer Lawman ammunition. This transaction was captured on video. Portions of the video show POPE wiping his fingerprints off of the weapon with rubbing alcohol before the sale.

Additionally, on July 8, 2013, while in the lobby of a residence on Bleeker Terrace in the City of Albany, POPE did illegally possess an UZI 9mm loaded with two magazines and 2 boxes of .45 caliber ammunition.

The guilty plea to these charges fully satisfies multiple counts of illegal weapons possession and sale charges against POPE.

Assistant District Attorney Kurt Haas of the Street Crimes Unit prosecuted this case.

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*Video Still of Thomas Pope Wiping Fingerprints Off of Illegal Firearm*

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