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Repeat Bank Robber Pleads Guilty



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that LEON SAMUEL, 46, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Robbery in the Third Degree, a Class D Felony, before Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

On July 25th, 2014, SAMUEL, who is on federal probation for bank robbery, entered a TrustCo Bank in Albany and handed the teller a written note demanding money. After not receiving any money, SAMUEL fled. SAMUEL then entered a First Niagara Bank and handed the teller a different note stating “Give me \$30,000, this is a robbery”. The teller gave SAMUEL

approximately \$463 in US Currency and SAMUEL left the bank. An investigation by the Albany Police Department led to the identification and arrest of SAMUEL. SAMUEL faces 3 to 6 years in State Prison as a 2nd felony offender when sentenced on October 21, 2014.

Assistant District Attorney Steven Sharp is prosecuting this case.

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