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## **Repeat DWI Offender Crashes In Off Road Pursuit, Pleads Guilty to DWI**



**ALBANY, NY** - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that STEVEN DENNIS, 25, of Delmar, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated, a Class D Felony, before the Honorable Stephen W. Herrick in Albany County Court this afternoon.

On October 13, 2014, at approximately 7:16 p.m., a deputy with the Albany County Sheriff's Department observed a Jeep being operated by DENNIS parked partially in Newry Road at the intersection of State Route 32 in the Town of Westerlo. When the deputy executed a U-turn, DENNIS started his Jeep and fled. As DENNIS fled, he was observed almost striking a civilian vehicle with his Jeep. After making a left on State Route 32, DENNIS proceeded to drive into and out of a ditch on to Carr Road. DENNIS led the officer on a high speed pursuit, and at the end of Carr Road, DENNIS continued onto a dirt road where he proceeded to crash the vehicle into a tree, disabling his vehicle. Following being informed of his rights, DENNIS admitted to consuming alcohol before driving. DENNIS registered a .13 on a Datamaster Breath Analysis test.

At the time of this incident, DENNIS was illegally driving his vehicle without a valid driver's license and in circumvention of an Interlock Ignition Device. The device had been put in place due to a prior Felony Driving While Intoxicated conviction from October of 2013.

DENNIS faces 2 to 6 years in State Prison, a \$2,000 fine, participation in a Victim Impact Panel, 3 years of mandatory Interlock Ignition Device upon release from custody, and an 18 month license revocation subject to the Department of Motor Vehicles, when sentenced on January 8, 2015.

Assistant District Attorney Dave Szalda of the Vehicular Crimes Unit is handling the prosecution of this case.

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