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Repeat DWI Offenders Sentenced



Jimi Hawes



Michael Salisbury

ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that two defendants have been sentenced in separate Driving While Intoxicated cases in Albany County Court this morning.

JIMI HAWES, 38, of Albany, was sentenced to concurrent terms of 1 to 3 years in State Prison before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning. On June 24, 2014, HAWES pleaded guilty to (2) Counts of Driving While Intoxicated, both Class E Felonies.

On October 17, 2013, at 10:51pm while on Gipp Road in the Town of Guilderland, HAWES was driving while intoxicated and did crash his 2003 Dodge Stratus into a row of bushes, causing property damage. HAWES left the scene without reporting the incident. The license plate from HAWES' car was left in the bushes.

HAWES was arraigned in Albany County Court on April 8, 2014 and pleaded not guilty. The People requested bail, but the Court released HAWES under the supervision of probation. That same night, Guilderland Police did observe HAWES driving while intoxicated at 1810 Western Avenue in the Town of Guilderland.

Additionally, MICHAEL T. SALISBURY, 33, of Rensselaer, was sentenced to two terms of 1 year in custody to run concurrently, and 5 years of Felony Probation, before the Honorable Stephen W. Herrick in Albany County Court this morning.

On February 12, 2014, SALISBURY pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated, a Class E Felony, for a July 22, 2013 offense in the Village of Menands. An alert civilian observed SALISBURY to be intoxicated before getting into his car and notified the Menands Police. Officers conducted a traffic stop where SALISBURY failed several field sobriety tests and registered a .17% blood alcohol content on a breath analysis test.

The sentencing today also includes a disposition for a separate grand larceny offence committed by SALISBURY. On February 15, 2014, SALISBURY illegally entered a closed business on Loudon Road in the Town of Colonie and stole plumbing and copper plumbing pipes. On May 21, 2014, SALISBURY pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Grand Larceny, a Class E Felony. SALISBURY was also ordered to pay full restitution to the business.

SALISBURY has a criminal history involving previous driving while intoxicated convictions in neighboring counties, including one arrest that took place in Rensselaer County during the pending prosecution of the matters he was sentenced on today.

Assistant District Attorney Melinda Seiden of the Vehicular Crimes Unit prosecuted both of these cases.

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