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Repeat Drunk Driver Driving Without Interlock or Valid Driver's License Pleads Guilty



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that CLARENCE COFFIN, 46, of Schenectady, pleaded guilty to an indictment of (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated, as a Class D Felony, (1) Count of Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the First Degree, a Class E Felony, (1) Count of Operating a Vehicle Not Equipped

with Interlock Device, a Class A Misdemeanor, and (1) Count of Refusing to Submit to a Breath Test, a Violation of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, before Honorable Peter A. Lynch today in Albany County Court.

On November 10, 2017, at approximately 10:13 P.M., members of the Albany Police Department observed a vehicle being erratically driven by COFFIN near North Main Avenue and Western Avenue in the City of Albany. During a traffic stop the officers observed physical signs of intoxication. COFFIN refused to participate with field sobriety tests or submit to chemical breath analysis. At the time of the incident COFFIN was driving on a suspended license and was not in compliance with Interlock Ignition Device requirements that were imposed by the Court from a previous drunk driving conviction.

COFFIN has (4) prior alcohol related driving convictions.

COFFIN faces up to (7) years in State Prison when sentenced on June 26, 2018.

Vehicular Crimes Bureau Chief Mary Tanner-Richter is handling the prosecution of this case.

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