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Repeat Drunk Driver Pleads to Striking Parked Car While Intoxicated



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that NELSON RUBIO, 24, of Troy, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated, a Class D Felony, before the Honorable Stephen W. Herrick in Albany County Court this morning.

On June 21, 2014, at approximately 4:03am, an Albany Police Officer did observe a Gray 2006 Hyundai crash into a parked car near the intersection of James Street and Columbia Street in the City of Albany. The car fled the scene but officers did pursue and were able to conduct a traffic stop several blocks away. Police determined that RUBIO was operating the vehicle and detected the odor of alcoholic beverage coming from the vehicle. RUBIO failed every sobriety test that police conducted, displayed watery eyes and slurred speech, and admitted to drinking alcohol before driving the vehicle. RUBIO refused to submit to a chemical breath test.

At the time of the crash RUBIO's driver's license was suspended for a 2011 DWI conviction. RUBIO also has a 2010 DWI conviction from a neighboring county.

RUBIO faces 1 ½ to 4 ½ years in State Prison when sentenced on September 18, 2014.

Assistant District Attorney David Szalda of the Vehicular Crimes Unit is prosecuting this case.

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