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Repeat Drunk Driver Sentenced



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **MATHEW THOMAS**, 32, of Schenectady, was sentenced to 1 1/3-4 years in State Prison before the Honorable Judge Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Court yesterday morning.

On April 29, 2015, **THOMAS** pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated, a Class D Felony.

On January 31, 2015, at approximately 2:45am, while traveling eastbound on Western Avenue in the Town of Guilderland, THOMAS was stopped by Guilderland Police for failing to keep right. When he was stopped, THOMAS had physical signs of intoxication. THOMAS failed Field Sobriety Tests and was found to have a blood alcohol content of .21.

THOMAS' license had been revoked for a previous DWI conviction.

In addition to his state prison sentence, THOMAS must also pay a \$2,000 fine, be subject to a driver's license revocation for a minimum of 18 months subject to the Department of Motor Vehicles, be subject to Ignition Interlock Restriction for 3 years upon his release from custody, and attend a Victim Impact Panel.

Vehicular Crimes Unit Bureau Chief Mary Tanner-Richter prosecuted this case.

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