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Repeat Offender Sentenced for Driving While Impaired by Drugs



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that SARA NEFF, 40, of Voorheesville, was sentenced to 1 1/3 to 4 years in State Prison, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning. The Court also sentenced NEFF to a concurrent term of (1) year in the Albany County Correctional Facility for violating the terms of her Probation.

NEFF will be subject to a minimum 1 year license revocation subject to Department of Motor Vehicle determinations and required to have an Ignition Interlock Device installed for 3 years upon release.

On October 31, 2018, NEFF pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs, a Class E Felony, and (1) Count of Violation of Probation, an E Felony.

On September 19, 2018, while traveling on Interstate 90 in the City of Albany, officers of the New York State Police responded to a car crash in which NEFF was involved. At the scene, officers observed NEFF to be highly impaired by prescription medication. At the time of the incident NEFF was serving a term of Probation for a previous drunk driving conviction where she had a child in her vehicle.

On July 9, 2018, NEFF was sentenced to 5 years of probation after pleading guilty to an indictment charging her with (1) Count of Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated; Child in Vehicle, a Class E Felony, (1) Count of Refusal to Take a Breath Test, a Traffic Infraction, (1) Count of Consumption or Possession of Alcoholic Beverages in Certain Motor Vehicles, a Traffic Infraction, and (1) Count of Act In a Manner to Injure Child Less Than 17, a Class A Misdemeanor, for an incident that occurred on March 3, 2017.

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

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