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## **Sentencing for 2016 Thanksgiving Day Murder Case**



**ALBANY, NY** - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **KAREEM BLACKNALL**, 31, of Albany, was sentenced to 25 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post Release Supervision before the Honorable Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Supreme Court this afternoon.

On October 12, 2017, **BLACKNALL** pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Manslaughter in the First

Degree, a Class B Violent Felony.

On November 24, 2016, while inside an establishment located at 77 Central Avenue, in the City of Albany, BLACKNALL possessed a loaded firearm and caused the death of another individual, identified as Wendell Hill. BLACKNALL recklessly engaged in conduct which created a grave risk of death to another.

Additionally, on December 2, 2016, while in the area of South Pearl and Herkimer Streets, in the City of Albany, BLACKNALL attempted to escape from police custody.

General Felony Bureau Chief Steven Sharp prosecuted this case.

For more information please contact the Albany County District Attorney's Office at [AlbanyDA@albanycountyny.gov](mailto:AlbanyDA@albanycountyny.gov) .

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