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Sentencing for Dollar Tree Store Robber



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **RAKEEM LEWIS**, 23, of Albany, was sentenced to 5 ½ years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post-Release Supervision before the Honorable Judge Stephen W. Herrick in Albany County Court this morning.

On April 9, 2015, LEWIS pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Robbery in the Second Degree, a Class C Violent Felony.

On August 21, 2014 at approximately 10:30 p.m., LEWIS approached two employees at the Dollar Tree Store, located at 911 Central Avenue in the City of Albany, armed with what

appeared to be a handgun and demanded money. The victims complied and LEWIS fled the store with approximately \$5,000 in cash. No injuries were reported during the incident.

Through an extensive investigation by the Albany Police Department's Criminal Investigation Unit, LEWIS was identified as the perpetrator and arrested for armed robbery. A search warrant executed at LEWIS' residence uncovered over \$3,700 hidden in a couch and a BB gun.

Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hauf of the Major Offense Bureau prosecuted this case.

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