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Sentencing in Albany Robbery and Burglary Case



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that MALIK SHABAZZ, 35, of Schenectady, was sentenced to 25 years in State Prison, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court.

On May 2, 2018, SHABAZZ was found guilty after a jury trial of (2) Counts of Robbery in the First Degree, each Class B Armed Violent Felonies, (1) Count of Robbery in the Second Degree, a Class C Violent Felony, and (2) Counts of Burglary in the First Degree, each Class B Armed Violent Felonies.

After hearing testimony and reviewing evidence at trial, jurors found that on January 17, 2017, in a residence on Providence Street in the City of Albany, SHABAZZ, along with co-defendant LUIS DEJESUS, kicked in the door of a dwelling on Providence Street and illegally entered while the two victims were inside. SHABAZZ struck a male victim in the head with the gun as DEJESUS forcibly stole several personal items. As the defendants fled the scene, a shot was fired at the direction of the male victim but he was not struck.

A subsequent search warrant was executed for DEJESUS' home where police recovered two ski masks and a red bag belonging to the victim.

On February 14, 2018, DEJESUS pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Robbery in the First Degree, a Class B Armed Violent Felony, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court. On April 16, 2018, DEJESUS was sentenced to 12 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post Release Supervision.

Assistant District Attorney Joseph Brucato of the Major Offense Unit and Assistant District Attorney Collin D'Arcy of the General Felony Unit handled the prosecution of this case.

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