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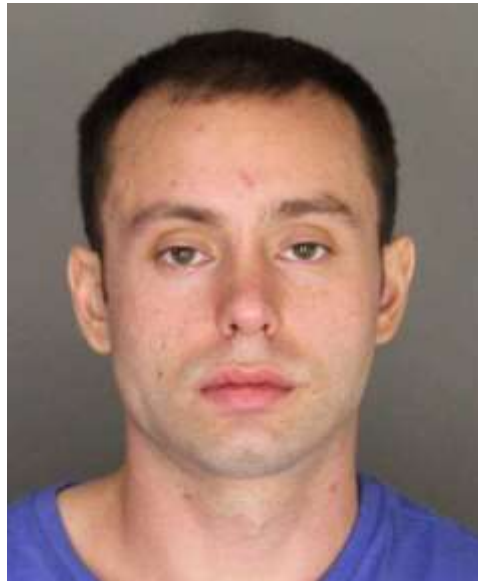
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Sentencing in Albany Sexual Assault Case



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that FRANKLIN CASATELLI, 26, of Guilderland, was sentenced to 37 years in State Prison before the Honorable Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Supreme Court this morning. He received a

sentence of 22 years for his conviction of Rape in the First Degree, to be followed by 25 years of Post-Release Supervision. In addition, CASATELLI was also sentenced to 15 years in State Prison for his conviction of Burglary in the Second Degree, to be followed by 10 years of Post-Release Supervision, and the two sentences are to run consecutively.

On December 11, 2017, CASATELLI was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Rape in the First Degree, a Class B Felony, (1) Count of Burglary in the Second Degree, as a Sexually Motivated Felony, a Class C Felony, and (1) Count of Criminal Trespass in the Third Degree, a Class B Misdemeanor.

A jury found that on October 23, 2016, during early morning hours, in the vicinity of the Dutch Quad on the SUNY Albany Campus, in the City of Albany, CASATELLI, for the purpose of his own direct sexual gratification, did unlawfully enter a residential suite with the intent to commit a crime therein. CASATELLI engaged in sexual intercourse with a female who was a stranger to him while she was asleep and therefore incapable of consent. Additionally, CASATELLI unlawfully entered a different dorm prior to the sexual assault.

Special Victims Bureau Chief Shannon Sarfoh and Assistant District Attorney Caroline Murray of the Special Victims Unit prosecuted this case.

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