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Sentencing in Check Cashing Scheme



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that MARK REED, 49, of Colonie, was sentenced to 3 ½ to 7 years in State Prison before the Honorable Roger D. McDonough in Albany County Supreme Court this morning.

On September 16, 2016, REED pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony.

An investigation by the Albany Police Department uncovered that on May 13, 2015, while located at a residence in the City of Albany, REED possessed a counterfeit insurance company check that was made payable to another individual. In the furtherance of a scheme, REED would create counterfeit checks and attempt to have others redeem them for money at check cashing locations in the Capital District.

Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Cheryl Fowler prosecuted this case.

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