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State Prison Time for Albany Arson



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares today announced that JUAN ATILES, 30, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Arson in the Third Degree, a Class C Felony, on January 2, 2013 in Albany County Court before Hon. Judge Joseph Teresi.

On October 7, 2012, ATILES started a fire in his basement apartment on Crown Terrace in the City of Albany. Before leaving the apartment, ATILES disabled the smoke detectors, knowing that other residents were in the apartment building at the time.

Shortly after leaving, ATILES approached a police officer and told him what he did, however, smoke detectors in the hallway of the building had already alerted other residents of the fire which prompted the Albany Fire Department to respond within minutes.

ATILES faces 4 to 8 years in State Prison when sentenced on February 5, 2013.

Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Cheryl Fowler handled the prosecution of the case.

For more information, please contact Cecilia Logue.

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