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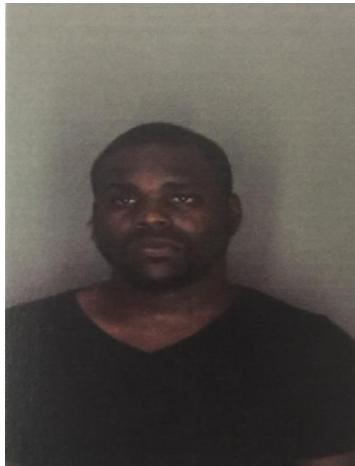
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State Prison for Driver With Repeat Suspended License Who Skipped Court Appearance



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced that ERIK CARGILE, 30, of Albany, was sentenced to 1 to 3 years in State Prison before the Honorable Judge Stephen W. Herrick in Albany County Court yesterday morning.

On August 26, 2014, CARGILE was stopped by State University Police after being observed making a right turn without using his turn signal on University Road on the SUNY Albany

campus. Following the traffic stop, CARGILE's license was discovered to be suspended a total of 23 times, including 19 times on 10 dates.

On March 16, 2015, CARGILE pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Vehicle in the First Degree, a Class E Felony. Following his plea of guilty, CARGILE was Released Under Supervision of Probation pending sentencing that was scheduled for July 13, 2015. CARGILE did knowingly and unlawfully fail to appear for sentencing, resulting in a Bench Warrant being issued for his arrest. CARGILE was arrested on the Bench Warrant, and returned to custody on January 22, 2016. As a result of CARGILE absconding from authorities, the Court granted the People's request for an increase to the term of imprisonment that was agreed to during the plea process.

Assistant District Attorney David Szalda of the Vehicular Crimes Unit prosecuted this case.

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