



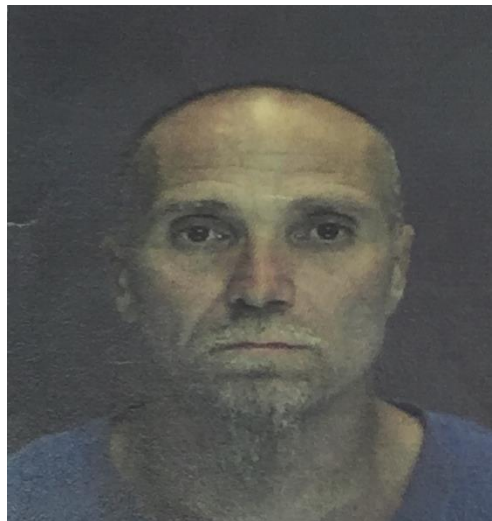
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State Prison for Drunk Driver Who Led State Police on High Speed Chase



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that PATRICK BISHOP, 54, of Albany, was sentenced to up to 4 ½ years in State Prison before the Honorable Stephen W. Herrick in Albany County Supreme Court this morning after admitting to several charges stemming from a 2015 incident where he led police on a high speed chase in Albany.

On May 10, 2016, BISHOP pleaded guilty to an entire indictment containing (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated Per se, a Class D felony, (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated, a Class D Felony, (1) Count of Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the First

Degree, a Class E Felony, (1) Count of Unlawful Fleeing of a Police Officer in a Motor Vehicle in the Third Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor, and (1) Count of Reckless Driving, an unclassified Misdemeanor.

On December 19, 2015, New York State Police observed BISHOP driving erratically on I-90. When police attempted a traffic stop, BISHOP accelerated to 90 miles per hour. BISHOP fled from police on I-90, eventually exiting onto Henry Johnson Blvd. in the City of Albany, and continuing to drive at high speeds through residential neighborhoods. BISHOP encountered traffic in the area of Second Street and Judson Street, stopped his vehicle, and fled on foot. After a short foot chase, State Police arrested BISHOP. A chemical test found that BISHOP had a Blood Alcohol Content of 0.14% at the time of his arrest.

This is BISHOP's third DWI conviction in the past 8 years.

In addition to the term of imprisonment in State Prison, BISHOP was ordered to pay a \$2,000.00 fine, 3 years of an Ignition Interlock Device, and an 18 month license revocation subject to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

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

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