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Underwear-Burning Man Found Guilty of Setting Fire in Bathtub



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that JEREMY MCGOWAN, 39, of Slingerlands, was found guilty after a trial of (1) Count of Arson in the Fourth Degree, a Class E Felony, before the Honorable Judge Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court on Thursday.

On October 19, 2014, in the Town of Guilderland, at approximately 3:08 a.m., MCGOWAN became involved in a domestic dispute with the female victim. During the dispute, MCGOWAN opened one of the victim's drawers and removed her lingerie. McGowan then placed the lingerie in the tub of the master bathroom and lit the items on fire just prior to leaving the premises. The

fire grew substantially within minutes, causing damage to the bathtub as well as the surrounding areas in the bathroom.

Members of the Guilderland Police Department, Westmere Fire Department, Fort Hunter Fire Department, and McKnownville Fire Department responded to a call for a structure fire.

No injuries were reported as a result of the fire.

MCGOWAN faces up to 1 1/3-4 years in State Prison when he is sentenced on November 19, 2015.

Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Cheryl Fowler is prosecuting this case.

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