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Westerlo Man Pleads Guilty in DWI Case

ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares today announced that IVAN CRUZ, 34, of Westerlo, NY pleaded guilty to (1) count of Aggravated DWI, a Class “D” Felony yesterday in front of the Honorable Joseph C. Teresi.

On April 11, 2012, the Albany County Sheriff’s Department received a complaint from CRUZ’s girlfriend stating that CRUZ had taken her father’s pickup truck without authorization and that he was intoxicated. Sheriffs found CRUZ parked at a Stewart’s in Voorheesville, NY. He appeared physically intoxicated and his license had already been revoked for a previous DWI conviction. When brought to the station, CRUZ had a BAC of .20%. This is his third DWI offense since 2006.

CRUZ faces 1 2/3 to 5 years in State Prison, over \$2,000 in fines and surcharges, license revocation, and installation of an Ignition Interlock device for 3 years upon release from custody when sentenced on July 24, 2012.

Vehicular Crimes Bureau Chief Mary Tanner-Richter handled the prosecution of the case.

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