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Woman Sentenced for Stealing From Senior Citizen



Bank Surveillance Video Still of Bennett

ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that former home health aide STEPHONE BENNETT, 36, of Albany, was sentenced to up to 1 1/3 to 4 years in State Prison before the Honorable Stephen W. Herrick in Albany County Court this morning.

On November 6, 2014, BENNETT pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, a Class E Felony. The plea of guilty did satisfy charges stemming from incidents in July 2014 where BENNETT, while acting as a home health aide for the victim, did steal checks from the victim's purse. BENNETT then

forged the checks and then cashed them at a local bank, which was captured on surveillance video.

Today in court the Judge also ordered BENNETT to pay full restitution to the victim in the amount of \$2,900.

“Many families depend on home health aides to take care of their loved ones, and in this case, the defendant did the exact opposite,” commented DA Soares. “We encourage anyone who believes they have been victimized to call our SALT hotline or your local police agency for help. Dedicated law enforcement personnel and prosecutors are here to help in these tragic situations.”

Assistant District Attorney Jessica Blain-Lewis of the Financial Crimes Unit handled the prosecution of this case.

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