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Woman Sentenced to Eight Years in State Prison For Setting Fire that Killed Dog



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that KHADIJAH HOPKINS, 26, of Troy, was sentenced to 8 years in State Prison to be followed by 5 years of Post Release Supervision before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning for her role in burglarizing a home and setting a fire that killed a dog who was secured in a crate.

On January 17, 2013 HOPKINS pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Burglary in the Second Degree, a Class C Felony, and (1) Count of Aggravated Cruelty to Animals, a Class E Felony. HOPKINS was additionally sentenced today to a concurrent 2 years determinate for the animal cruelty charge.

On November 15, 2012, HOPKINS illegally entered a residence of an acquaintance in the Town of Colonie and stole several items from the home. Before leaving, HOPKINS set the house on fire with the victim's dog locked in a cage in the living room of the home. The dog died as a result of the fire.

A thorough investigation by the Colonie Police Department uncovered a connection between the victim and HOPKINS and were able to recover some of the stolen items at the defendant's mothers residence as well as local game store where some of the stolen items were sold.

“Stealing and destroying a person's property is damaging enough, but taking the life of an innocent pet is unforgivable,” said DA David Soares. “Ms. Hopkins will have 8 long years in State Prison to think about her actions.”

This case was prosecuted by Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Cheryl Fowler.

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