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Sentencing for Drunk Driver



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that JASON BENN, 41, of Albany, was sentenced to 1-3 years in State Prison before the Honorable Stephen Herrick in Albany County Court this morning on his conviction for Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the First Degree, a Class E Felony, as well as a concurrent 1 year in Albany County Jail, in his conviction of Driving While Intoxicated, a misdemeanor.

On November 30, 2014, at approximately 2:04 a.m., Colonie Police received a 911 call regarding a possible intoxicated driver. The police were given a description of the vehicle and location. Upon finding BENN in a gas station parking lot, he had physical signs of intoxication, failed the standard field sobriety tests, and had a Blood Alcohol Content of .15 when a test was administered.

In addition to his Albany County Jail Sentence, BENN must also pay a \$500 fine, be subject to a driver's license revocation for a minimum of 6 months subject to the Department of Motor Vehicles guidelines, be subject to Ignition Interlock Restriction for 1 year upon his release from custody, and attend a Victim Impact Panel.

Assistant District Attorney Mary Tanner-Richter of the Vehicular Crimes Unit prosecuted this case.

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