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Albany Man Sentenced to 15 Years in State Prison for Death of Richard Gibbs



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares today announced that JALLAH DRAKE, 21, of Albany, was sentenced to 15 years in State Prison and 5 years of Post-Release Supervision before the Honorable Stephen Herrick in Albany County Court this afternoon.

On February 1, 2012, DRAKE pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Manslaughter in the First Degree, a Class B Violent Felony.

On November 29, 2011 at approximately 1:00am, DRAKE did cause the death of the victim, Richard Gibbs, 25, of Albany. Gibbs was shot and killed in a vehicle in the area of Fourth Avenue in the City of Albany. The Albany Police Department conducted a detailed investigation linking DRAKE to the victim's death.

“This sentencing brings to a close one of Albany's most difficult periods of violence. Lives were lost and future hopes dashed because people like Mr. Drake continued to participate in the cycle of recycled violence,” commented DA Soares.

Chief Assistant District Attorney David Rossi handled the prosecution of these cases.

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