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Co-Defendant Sentenced to State Prison for Role in Violent Albany Stabbing



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **BRANDI HENSMAN**, 31, of Albany, was sentenced to 2 1/3 to 7 years in State Prison before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

On November 7, 2013, HENSMAN pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Conspiracy in the Second Degree, a Class B Felony.

On June 21, 2013 in the area of Colby Street and Hunter Avenue in the City of Albany, NICHOLAS LEWIS, 18, of Albany, and HENSMAN were in a vehicle looking for an individual that HENSMAN had gotten into an argument with earlier in the day.

Upon locating the individual, LEWIS and HENSMAN got out of the vehicle and confronted him. At the urging of HENSMAN, LEWIS then stabbed the victim eleven times with a knife. Both co-defendants got back into the vehicle and drove away as witnesses called 911. The victim was taken to Albany Medical Center and recovered from his injuries.

On November 6, 2013, NICHOLAS LEWIS pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Assault in the Second Degree, a Class D Violent Felony and faces 7 years in State Prison, to be followed by 3 years of Post Release Supervision when sentenced on January 6, 2014.

Assistant District Attorney Brian Conley of the Major Offense Unit is handling the prosecution of both of these cases.

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