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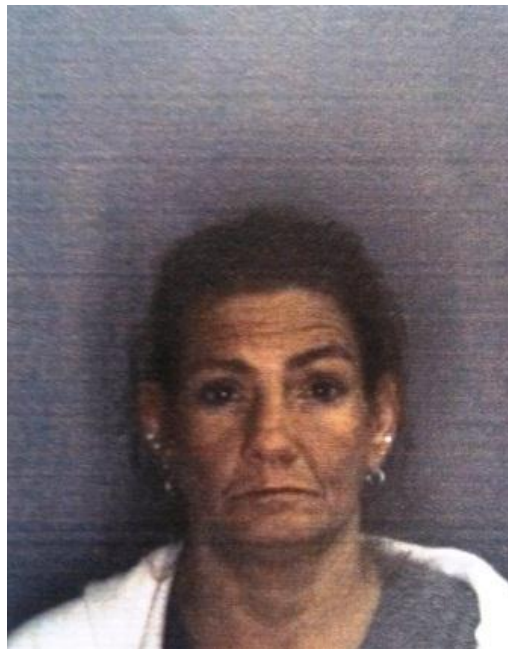
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# Cohoes Woman Faces 8 Years in State Prison for Violent Assault

*Victim left permanently blind in one eye*



**ALBANY, NY**- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that BRENDA BECKER, 52, of Cohoes, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Assault in the First Degree, a Class C Felony, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

On July 1, 2013 at a residence on George Street in the Town of Green Island, BECKER was attending a party when she struck another party attendee in the head with a drinking glass. The victim suffered a serious physical injury consisting of a detached lens and retina, scarring to the face and permanent blindness in one eye.

BECKER faces 8 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post Release Supervision when sentenced on September 13, 2013.

Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hauf of the Major Offense Bureau is handling the prosecution of this case.

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