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Defendant Found Guilty of Driving While Intoxicated in Colonie Town Court



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **CHRISTOPHER SCHARF**, 22, of New Hartford, New York, was found guilty of (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor, before the Honorable Andrew Sommers in Colonie Town Court.

The bench trial in the matter of the People of the State of New York vs. Christopher Scharf occurred on October 23, 2013. On January 6, 2014, Judge Sommers rendered his decision to find SCHARF guilty.

On May 12, 2012, the defendant was observed by a member of the Colonie Police Department operating a motor vehicle that struck a curb in a Siena College parking lot. Upon initiating a traffic stop, the officer detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the defendant's breath. In addition, the defendant had impaired speech and admitted to the officer that he drank a couple of beers prior to driving.

After instructing SCHARF to exit the vehicle, the officer administered three separate field sobriety tests which the defendant failed. While in police custody, SCHARF registered a BAC of .20%

SCHARF faces up to 1 year in the Albany County Correctional Facility when sentenced on March 10, 2014. The defendant was released on his own recognizance prior to sentencing.

Assistant District Attorney Joseph Brucato of the Street Crimes Unit is handling the prosecution of this case.

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