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Defendant Ordered to Pay \$23,624 in Restitution at Sentencing for Falsely Reporting Income to Obtain Medicaid Benefits



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that AHMAD HUSSAIN, 29, of Colonie, was sentenced to 5 years of Felony Probation before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning. The defendant previously paid approximately \$21,000 of the restitution when he pleaded guilty and paid the remaining amount due today.

On December 6, 2013, HUSSAIN pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, a Class E Felony. As outlined by the terms of the guilty plea, the

defendant was required to complete 300 hours of community service and pay restitution in the amount of \$23,624.31 back to the Albany County Department of Social Services.

Between November 1, 2010 and November 1, 2012, the defendant obtained \$23,624.31 in Medicaid benefits from the Albany County Department of Social Services that he was not entitled to receive. The defendant concealed his employment and income on multiple occasions to recertify his eligibility for the Medicaid benefits.

An investigation conducted by the Albany County Sheriff's Office and the Albany County Department of Social Services led to this defendant's arrest on June 20, 2013.

Assistant District Attorney Benjamin Clark of the Financial Crimes Unit handled the prosecution of this case.

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