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Defendant Pleads Guilty to Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated in Guilderland

***Defendant Possessed Half Empty Bottle of Vodka in Vehicle and Registered a
BAC of .27%***



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that ALPHONZO HICKS, JR., 58, of Troy, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated, a Class E Felony, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

On February 3, 2014 at a diner on Carman Road in the Town of Guilderland, officers with the Guilderland Police Department responded to a call involving the defendant attempting to enter

the diner, which was closed and locked. As officers spoke with the defendant, they observed him exhibiting multiple physical signs of intoxication and administered several field sobriety tests, which he failed.

After placing the defendant into custody, officers found a half empty bottle of vodka in his vehicle. While at the police station, the defendant was unable to take a booking photo due to his intoxicated state and needed to be repeatedly held up by officers. The defendant registered a BAC of .27% an hour later.

HICKS faces 1 to 3 years in State Prison, the installation of an Ignition Interlock Device for 3 years following his release, a \$1,000 fine and a minimum of 1 year of license revocation when sentenced on May 14, 2014.

HICKS faced a maximum of 1 1/3 to 4 years in State Prison at trial if found guilty.

This case is being prosecuted by Vehicular Crimes Bureau Chief Mary Tanner-Richter.

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