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Defendant Pleads Guilty to Driving While Intoxicated



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that ANTHONY PAYNE, 31, of Menands, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated, a Class E Felony, before the Honorable Stephen Herrick in Albany County Court this morning.

On September 11, 2013 on Catherine Street in the City of Albany, the defendant was observed by members of the Albany Police Department traveling at a high rate of speed and failing to stop at multiple stop signs. When officers initiated a traffic stop and spoke with the defendant, they observed him displaying multiple physical signs of intoxication.

The defendant failed multiple field sobriety tests and was taken into custody, where he registered a BAC of .09%.

PAYNE faces 1 year in the Albany County Correctional Facility, 5 years of Felony Probation, a \$1,000 fine, a minimum of 1 year of license revocation and must installation of an Ignition Interlock Device for 5 years following his release when sentenced on June 10, 2014.

Assistant District Attorney Melinda Seiden of the Vehicular Crimes Unit is handling the prosecution of this case.

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