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Defendant Pleads Guilty to Pulling a Knife on a Motorist following Car Crash



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that DAVID COOLEY, 26, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree, a Class D Felony, before the Honorable Andrew Ceresia in Albany County Supreme Court this morning.

On March 9, 2014 on Quail Street in the City of Albany, COOLEY was involved in a motor vehicle collision involving another motorist. COOLEY confronted the motorist and punched him

in the face multiple times, causing several physical injuries. COOLEY then pulled out a folding knife from his pocket and threatened to stab the victim.

COOLEY faces 3 to 6 years in State Prison when sentenced on July 25, 2014 and remains in custody at the Albany County Correctional Facility without bail to await sentencing.

This sentence will be served concurrent to a period of incarceration following the defendant's conviction on May 30, 2014 after being found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a Class B Felony, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court.

An investigation led by the Albany Police Department did reveal that on July 9, 2013, in the vicinity of 616 Elk Street and Clinton Avenue in the City of Albany, COOLEY did sell a quantity of cocaine in exchange for US currency.

Due to previous criminal convictions that could aggravate sentencing guidelines, COOLEY faces up to 15 years in State Prison when sentenced on July 27, 2014.

Assistant District Attorney Joseph Brucato of the Street Crimes Unit is handling the prosecution of both cases.

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