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Drug Impaired Driver Sentenced to 1 to 3 years in State Prison for Vehicular Assault



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that SOMMER NOLETTE, 18, of Clarksville, NY, was sentenced to 1 to 3 years in State Prison before the Honorable Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Court this morning.

On January 11, 2013, NOLETTE pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Vehicular Assault in the First Degree, a Class D Felony.

On August 14, 2012, NOLETTE was operating a motor vehicle on Helderberg Trail in the Town of Berne when she failed to navigate an "S" curve and drove into the opposite lane, narrowly missing one vehicle, ultimately causing a head on collision with another vehicle.

As a result of the collision, the driver of the other vehicle suffered a severe, permanent injury to her ankle. The artery and nerves in the ankle were severed and plates and screws were permanently implanted.

When members of the Albany County Sheriffs' Department arrived, they detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the defendant's breath. NOLETTE registered a BAC .03% and had marijuana in her blood stream.

Assistant District Attorney Matthew Peluso of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau prosecuted this case.

For more information please contact Cecilia Logue.

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