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## Father and Son Sentenced to State Prison for Roles in Violent Residential Burglary

*Defendants Stole AR-15, AK-47 Assault Rifles, Several Handguns and One Kilo of  
Cocaine from Residence*



**Michael Banks Sr.**



**Michael Banks Jr.**

**ALBANY, NY-** District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that MICHAEL BANKS SENIOR, 46, of Albany, was sentenced to 5 years in State Prison, to be followed of 5 years of

Post Release Supervision, before the Honorable Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Supreme Court this morning.

On January 14, 2014, the defendant pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Burglary in the First Degree, a Class C Violent Felony.

On June 23, 2013 on Frost Place in the City of Albany, the defendant and his son, MICHAEL BANKS JUNIOR, 21, of Albany, entered a residence armed with a pistol and rifle and began to strike an occupant who was inside at the time. After striking the occupant, the defendants then stole an AR-15 assault rifle, an AK-47 assault rifle, multiple handguns and one kilo of cocaine from inside and fled.

On January 16, 2014, MICHAEL BANKS JUNIOR was sentenced to 8 ½ years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post Release Supervision, before the Honorable Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Supreme Court after pleading guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Burglary in the First Degree, a Class C Felony.

Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hauf of the Major Offense Unit handled the prosecution of both cases.

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