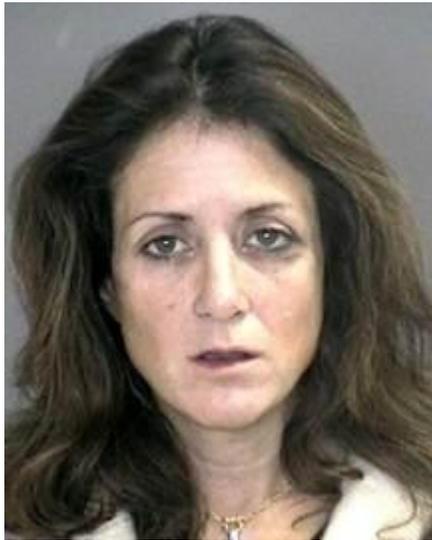




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Felony Driving While Intoxicated Convictions for Two Defendants



Adina Taluto



Peter McDermott

ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced that two defendants have been convicted for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated before the Honorable Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Supreme Court.

ADINA TALUTO, 44, of Saratoga Springs, was sentenced to 5 months in the Albany County Correctional Facility, and 5 years of Felony Probation, a \$1,000 fine, 5 year ignition interlock requirement, and license revocation for a minimum of 1 year this morning. TALUTO previously pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated, Per Se; BAC .08 or More, as a Class E Felony.

On December 13, 2013 on Wade Road in the Town of Colonie, the defendant was operating a motor vehicle when she struck a sign and a utility pole. The vehicle then rolled onto its side and struck another vehicle. The driver of the other vehicle suffered an injury to her arm and neck that required medical attention.

When officers spoke with TALUTO, she said that she was putting on makeup and drinking coffee, however, officers observed her exhibit multiple signs of intoxication and administered several field sobriety tests that the defendant failed. While in police custody, TALUTO registered a .14 blood alcohol content approximately two hours after the collision.

Additionally, PETER MCDERMOTT, 35, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated, .18 BAC or More, as a Class E Felony this morning.

On April 18, 2013, the defendant was operating a motor vehicle in the area of North Allen Street in the City of Albany when he was observed by officers failing to stop at a stop sign, to signal his turn, and to wear a seatbelt. When officers spoke with MCDERMOTT, he admitted to drinking 3 alcoholic beverages prior to driving and registered a BAC of .18% approximately one hour after being pulled over.

MCDERMOTT faces up to 6 months of weekends in the Albany County Correctional Facility, to be followed by 5 years of Felony Probation, a \$1,000 fine, license revocation for a minimum of 18 months and must install an Ignition Interlock Device for 5 years when sentenced on February 26, 2014.

Bureau Chief of the Vehicular Crimes Unit Mary Tanner-Richter is handling the prosecution of both cases.

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