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## Fugitive Sentenced to 4 1/3 to 13 Years in State Prison for Stealing Purse

*Defendant Fled the Area Prior to Start of Trial and was Found Guilty in  
Absentia*



**ALBANY, NY-** District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that HECTOR CUEVAS, 45, of Albany, was sentenced to 4 1/3 to 13 years in State Prison before the Honorable Stephen Herrick in Albany County Court this morning.

On March 7, 2014, CUEVAS was found guilty in Absentia following a jury trial of (1) Count of Robbery in the Third Degree, a Class D Felony, (2) Counts of Criminal Possession of a Stolen Property in the Fourth Degree, both Class E Felonies, and (1) Count of Forgery in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony, before the Honorable Stephen Herrick in Albany County Court.

The Court sentenced CUEVAS to 2 1/3 to 7 years in State Prison on the Robbery in the Third Degree charge, to be served concurrent to a 1 to 3 year State Prison sentence on both Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Fourth Degree charges. Additionally, the Court sentenced CUEVAS to a consecutive sentence of 2 to 6 years in State Prison on the Forgery in the Second Degree charge, for a total of 4 1/3 to 13 years in State Prison.

On March 24, 2013 in the area of Partridge Street and Madison Avenue in the City of Albany, the defendant grabbed a victim by the arm and forcibly pulled a purse from her shoulder. The defendant was observed on a surveillance camera using one of the stolen credit cards from the purse to make a purchase at a gas station on New Scotland Avenue in the City of Albany.

This case was prosecuted by Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Cheryl Fowler.

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