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Guilty Verdict after Trial for Albany Man Who Assaulted State Trooper

Defendant Had 11 Pounds of Marijuana in his Possession at Time of Arrest



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that JERMAINE JOHNSON, 30, of Albany, was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Criminal Possession of Marijuana in the First Degree, a Class C Felony, (1) Count of Assault in the Second Degree, a Class D Violent Felony, (1) Count of Unlawful Fleeing a Police Officer in the Third Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor, (1) Count of Reckless Driving, a Misdemeanor and (1) Count of Resisting Arrest, a Class A Misdemeanor before the Honorable Roger McDonough in the Supreme Court of Albany County this afternoon.

On November 27, 2012, JOHNSON was operating a motor vehicle on Interstate 90 in the City of Albany when New York State Troopers observed JOHNSON make an unsafe lane change, and initiated a traffic stop.

As JOHNSON was being questioned by the Trooper outside of the vehicle, he punched the Trooper in the side of the head, got back into his vehicle, and fled the scene. Troopers pursued JOHNSON on Interstate 90; reaching speeds of over 100mph. JOHNSON then lead the Troopers through several residential neighborhoods and reached speeds of over 70mph, sideswiping several parked vehicles before stopping the vehicle and fleeing on foot. JOHNSON was apprehended shortly after.

The Trooper JOHNSON assaulted received a concussion.

“The assault on a member of law enforcement who protects our community and ensures public safety is something that will never be tolerated in Albany County, and will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. The defendant in this case will now spend the next several years in a New York State Prison cell reflecting upon his actions,” commented DA Soares

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JOHNSON faces up to 12 ½ years in State Prison when sentenced on May 2, 2013

Assistant District Attorney Jasper Mills of the Street Crimes Bureau is handling the prosecution of this case.

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