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New Hampshire Prison Inmate Sentenced to 8 ½ Years for Guilderland Burglary



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today KENNETH WILLETE, 36, was sentenced to 8 ½ years in State Prison followed by 5 years of Post Release Supervision before the Honorable Stephen Herrick in Albany County Court this morning.

On January 29, 2013, WILLETE pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Burglary in the Second Degree, a Class C Violent Felony.

On June 3, 2010, WILLETE unlawfully entered a residence by kicking in a basement window on Heartland Drive in the Town of Guilderland. When inside the residence, WILLETE stole sports memorabilia, jewelry, electronics and money.

As the defendant was leaving, the homeowner returned home. The homeowner was confronted by WILLETE before he sped away in a vehicle. The defendant was later identified by a New York State DNA Databank hit based on blood left at the scene when WILLETE broke the basement window.

WILLETE is currently incarcerated in a New Hampshire State Prison for an unrelated crime.

“The use of DNA to link defendants to a crime is a powerful tool in the arsenal of law enforcement, and one that we will continue to proactively use to ensure justice for the citizens of Albany County. The defendant in this case may have left the state with no intention of returning, but, when he is finished serving his prison sentence in New Hampshire, we will happily welcome him back to New York to serve 8 ½ years in a New York State Prison,” commented DA Soares.

Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hauf of the Major Offenses Unit prosecuted this case.

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