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Operation Speeding Bullet: Two Defendants Plead Guilty to Weapons Possession



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that CHARLES RILEY, 19, of Queens, NY, and LESHAWN KITTLE, 20, of Albany, have each pleaded guilty for possessing an illegal firearm.

On June 28, 2013, CHARLES RILEY pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a Class E Felony, before the Honorable Stephen Herrick in Albany County Court.

On October 10, 2012 on Clinton Avenue in the City of Albany, members of the Albany Police Department Community Response Unit executed a search warrant at a residence where RILEY was an occupant. When officers entered the residence, they recovered a Lorcin .380 semi-automatic handgun loaded with 8 rounds of live ammunition that was deemed illegally to be in the defendant's possession.

RILEY faces 2 years in State Prison, to be followed by 3 years of Post Release Supervision when sentenced on July 26, 2013.

Additionally, on June 20, 2013, LESHAWN KITTLE pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a Class E Felony, before the Honorable Stephen Herrick in Albany County Court.

On May 7, 2013 on State Street in the City of Albany, KITTLE was observed by members of the Albany Police Department to be in possession of .22 caliber Smith and Wesson revolver loaded with 6 rounds of live hollow point ammunition.

KITTLE faces up to 3 years in State Prison, to be followed by 3 years of Post Release Supervision when sentenced on August 15, 2013.

Assistant District Attorney Kurt Haas of the Street Crimes Bureau is handling the prosecution of this case.

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