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Second Co-Defendant Sentenced to State Prison for Possessing and Cashing Counterfeit Checks



Andre Peete



George Solano

ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that co-defendants **ANDRE PEETE**, 39, and **GEORGE SOLANO**, 31, have each been sentenced to state prison for their roles in possessing and cashing counterfeit checks in the Village of Menands.

ANDRE PEETE was sentenced to 2 to 4 years in State Prison on December 4, 2013, GEORGE SOLANO was sentenced to 1 ½ to 3 years in State Prison this morning. Both defendants were sentenced before the Honorable Thomas Breslin in the Supreme Court of Albany County.

On October 18, 2013, ANDRE PEETE pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony and GEORGE SOLANO pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, a Class E Felony.

On October 1, 2012, PEETE and SOLANO both possessed counterfeit checks and cashed them at Mobil on the Run in the Village of Menands. PEETE received \$276.33 from the counterfeit check and SOLANO received \$337.45.

On October 15, 2012, PEETE cashed another counterfeit check at Mobil on the Run in the Village of Menands and received \$331.23.

PEETE must pay \$607.46 in restitution and SOLANO must pay \$337.45 in restitution.

Assistant District Attorney Benjamin Clark of the Financial Crimes Unit prosecuted this case.

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