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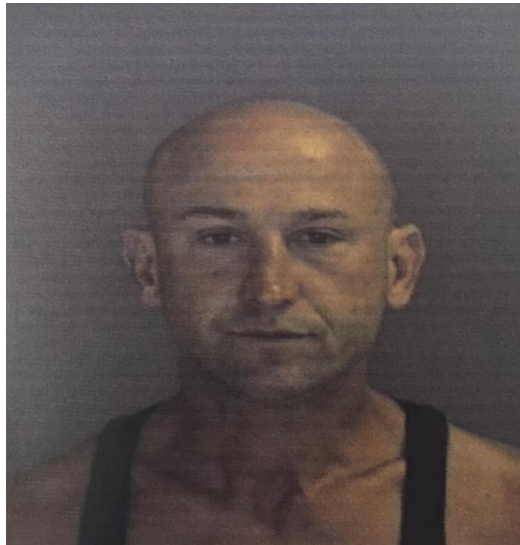
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Repeat Drunk Driver Pleads Guilty to All Charges In First Conviction of “Vince’s Law” in Albany County



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today SCOTT SHEAK, 41, of Berne, pleaded guilty to an entire indictment accusing him of (1) Count of Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated, (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated Per Se, (1) County of Driving While Intoxicated, all Class D Felonies, (1) Count of Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Vehicle in the First Degree, a Class E Felony, and (1) Count of Circumvention of an Ignition Interlock Device, a Class A Misdemeanor, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

On August 13, 2015, at approx. 8:45pm, in the Town of Colonie, SHEAK was involved in a property damage automobile collision in a parking lot near the corner of Wolf Road and Sand Creek Road, and left the scene. SHEAK was observed driving the same vehicle by Colonie Town Police and upon being stopped, SHEAK displayed physical signs of intoxication, failed field sobriety tests, and registered a Blood Alcohol Content of 0.23%, nearly three time the legal limit. At the time of the incident SHEAK was driving while knowing his license had been previously revoked as a result of multiple prior convictions for Driving While Intoxicated.

SHEAK faces up to 2 1/3 – 7 years in State Prison when he is sentenced on March 2, 2016.

This case is being prosecuted under “Vince’s Law,” which allows an individual to be charged with a Class D felony, punishable with up to 7 years in State Prison, if the individual has 3 or more Driving While Intoxicated convictions within 15 years preceding a new offense. SHEAK was previously convicted on separate Driving While Intoxicated charges in 2006, 2008, and 2012.

Vehicular Crimes Unit Bureau Chief Mary Tanner-Richter is prosecuting this case.

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