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12 Year Prison Sentence for Repeat Offender in Burglary Case



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that JOSEPH WATSON, 38, of Albany, was sentenced to a total of 12 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post Release Supervision, before the Honorable William A. Carter in Albany County Court yesterday.

On June 8, 2017, WATSON pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Burglary in the Second Degree, a Class D Violent Felony. WATSON waived his right to a Pre-Sentence Investigation, and was sentenced the same day.

On June 24, 2016, at approximately 10:30 P.M., WATSON unlawfully entered through an unlocked front door in an apartment on Morris Street in the City of Albany. WATSON then proceeded to forcibly steal several hundred dollars and cell phones from two victims while threatening them with a wooden board, then fled. After an investigation by members of the Albany Police Department, WATSON was arrested.

WATSON has an extensive criminal history, and was facing a 4 year prison sentence, to be followed by 3 years of Post Release Supervision due to a previous guilty plea to a Drug Sale charge when this incident occurred. As a result for breaking the plea bargain agreement, WATSON had his sentence enhanced to 8 years in State Prison. This sentence, in addition to the 4 year Prison Sentence WATSON faces for the Burglary charge are to run consecutive to one another, leading to a combined sentence of 12 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post Release Supervision.

Assistant District Attorney Joseph Brucato of the Major Crimes Unit prosecuted this case.

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