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1 2/3 to 5 Years for Repeat Drunk Driver



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced that DECILLIUS BLAKENSHIP, 34, was sentenced to 1 2/3 to 5 years in State Prison before the Honorable Joseph Teresi in Albany County Court on February 5, 2013.

On January 2, 2013, BLAKENSHIP pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated, a Class D Felony.

On November 24, 2012, BLAKENSHIP was driving on Wolf Road in the Town of Colonie when he smashed into the back of another vehicle, propelling the car into oncoming traffic. The

car BLAKENSHIP was driving had been rented by his girlfriend and taken without her permission. The driver of the car BLAKENSHIP collided with received minor injuries.

When officers interviewed BLAKENSHIP, there was a strong odor of alcoholic beverages coming from the vehicle and from BLAKENSHIP. BLAKENSHIP also refused to consent to any field sobriety tests or a breathalyzer.

At the time of the collision, BLAKENSHIP was already on 5 years' Probation for DWI charges in both Albany and Schenectady Counties.

Former Assistant District Attorney Kenneth Weafer of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau prosecuted this case.

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