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## **Absconder From Parole Sentenced to State Prison for Reckless Endangerment**



**ALBANY, NY** - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that RICHARD BEAN, 50, of Troy, was sentenced to 3 to 6 years in State Prison, before the Honorable William A. Carter in Albany County Court this morning.

On August 10, 2017, officers of the Albany Police Department received information from the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision stating BEAN was wanted as a prison release absconder and given a description of BEAN's vehicle. On the above stated date, at approximately 7:43 P.M., while traveling on various streets and all public

highways in the City of Albany, officers observed BEAN driving a vehicle matching the given description and attempted to stop the vehicle. Evading the police, BEAN continued recklessly driving at a high rate of speed, at times over 100 miles per hour, in and out of traffic, causing pedestrians and motorists to take evasive actions to avoid being struck. Given the danger BEAN posed to the public, officers called off the pursuit. BEAN was later taken into custody and charged in relation to the incident.

On November 14, 2018, BEAN pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Reckless Endangerment in the First Degree, a Class D Felony. BEAN then absconded from parole and committed additional parole violations while out of custody pending a formal sentencing proceeding, and was ultimately sentenced to 3 to 6 years by the Court today.

Vehicular Crimes Bureau Chief Mary Tanner-Richter handled the prosecution of this case.

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