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Albany Man Pleads Guilty To Gun Possession



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that RAYSHEEN FRANKLIN, 39, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a Class D Violent Felony, before the Honorable Joseph Teresi in Albany County Supreme Court this morning.

On September 26, 2012, FRANKLIN was operating a motor vehicle on Central Avenue in the City of Albany when he was pulled over by police. Upon a search of the vehicle, police found a loaded .22 caliber semi-automatic pistol underneath the hood of the vehicle. The firearm was reported stolen in April 2012 to the New York State Police. In addition, FRANKLIN had an active warrant from New York State Division of Parole.

“The illegal possession of a weapon in our county will be dealt with swiftly and harshly. Raysheen Franklin will not be looking forward to the new year. If you or someone you know want to disarm in a safe and discreet way please contact Pastor Charlie Muller at (518) 209-3557 and turn in your gun in exchange for a gift card,” commented DA Soares.

FRANKLIN faces 5 years in State Prison and 5 years in of Post Release Supervision when sentenced on January 2, 2013. FRANKLIN also faces criminal sanctions from the New York State Division of Parole which will run consecutive to the above mentioned sentence.

Assistant District Attorney Dan Lynch of the Street Crime Bureau prosecuted this case.

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