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Albany Man Pleads Guilty Under Leandra's Law



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that GEORGE LOPEZ II, 36, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated, a Class E felony, before the Honorable Judge Stephen W. Herrick in Albany County Court this morning.

On March 19, 2016, LOPEZ was stopped by Menands Village Police officers for speeding in the area of Broadway in the Village of Menands. Upon approaching LOPEZ'S vehicle, officers detected the odor of marijuana and alcohol. LOPEZ displayed physical signs of intoxication, and admitted to using marijuana and alcohol prior to driving. LOPEZ failed Field Sobriety Tests, and a blood test later confirmed the presence of marijuana and alcohol.

This is a Leandra's Law case as LOPEZ was driving with his 14 year old relative in the car.

LOPEZ faces up to 60 days in the Albany County Correctional Facility, to be followed by 5 years of Felony Probation. In addition, LOPEZ faces a \$1,000.00 fine, 5 years of an Ignition Interlock Device, and minimum 1 year of license revocation, subject to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Assistant District Attorney Mary Tanner-Richter, Bureau Chief of the Vehicular Crimes Unit, is handling the prosecution of this case.

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