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Albany Man Pleads Guilty to Auto Stripping Multiple Vehicles



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **WILFREDO SOTO-RIVERA**, 46, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Auto Stripping the Second Degree, a Class E Felony, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

In the early morning hours of March 3, 2013, SOTO-RIVERA did break into multiple vehicles on Borgart Terrace, Bassett Avenue and Dongan Avenue in the City of Albany. The defendant broke the window and took the car stereo from two separate vehicles.

Members of the Albany Police Department observed SOTO-RIVERA in the vicinity of these break-ins and the defendant had two car stereos in his possession when approached by officers.

This guilty plea is in full satisfaction of several similar auto thefts in the City of Albany attributable to the defendant.

SOTO-RIVERA faces 2 to 4 years in State Prison when sentenced on May 23, 2013.

Assistant District Attorney Matthew Peluso is handling the prosecution of this case.

For more information please contact Cecilia Logue.

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