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## **Albany Man with Illegal Firearm Sentenced to State Prison**



**ALBANY, NY-** District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that KEITH GILLESPIE, 50, of Albany, was sentenced to 10 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post Release Supervision, before the Honorable Roger D. McDonough in Albany County Supreme Court this morning.

On October 16, 2018, GILLESPIE was found guilty after a bench trial of (3) Counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, each Class C Armed Violent Felonies, and (1) Count of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, a Class A Misdemeanor.

After hearing testimony and reviewing the evidence of this case, the Court found that on November 24, 2017, while near a residence on Clinton Avenue in the City of Albany, GILLESPIE possessed a loaded firearm and shot the firearm into the air two times during a child custody exchange. During the incident, GILLESPIE pointed the gun at two victims who were known to him, then fled into an apartment and discarded the gun in the backyard of that apartment. A search warrant was executed for the residence where officers recovered the gun with two spent casings.

Assistant District Attorneys Caroline Murray and Ariel Fallon, both of the Special Victims Unit, handled the prosecution of this case.

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