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## Arraignment in Vehicular Assault of a Green Island Police Officer



**ALBANY, NY** - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that JAMES V. KNOWLES III, 29, of Troy, was arraigned after a Grand Jury returned an indictment of (1) Count of Vehicular Assault in the Second Degree, a Class E Felony, (1) Count of Assault in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony, (1) Count of Endangerment in the First Degree, a Class D Felony, (1) Count of Reckless Driving, a Misdemeanor, (1) Count of Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the Third Degree, a Misdemeanor, (1) Count of Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs, a Misdemeanor, and (1) Count of Operation of a Motor Vehicle by an Unlicensed Driver, a Violation, before the Honorable Roger D. McDonough in Albany County Supreme Court this morning.

A Grand Jury returned a seven count indictment alleging that on June 20, 2014, at approximately 4:28pm,

on Lower Hudson Avenue, a public highway in the Town of Green Island, KNOWLES was driving at speeds up to 50MPH in a 30MPH zone while his driving ability was impaired by drugs. KNOWLES allegedly then struck a parked Green Island Police vehicle, occupied by a police officer. The aforesaid collision allegedly caused serious physical injury to the police officer. After the collision KNOWLES allegedly left his vehicle with the intent to assault the officer, and made an attempt to get the officer's firearm, but was subdued.

KNOWLES pleaded not guilty to the charges today and was released on bail.

Assistant District Attorney Melinda Seiden-Fiorino of the Vehicular Crimes Unit is handling the prosecution of this case.

For more information, please contact Cecilia Walsh at (518) 275-4710.

*All parties are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty*

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