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Bank Robber Sentenced to 10 Years



Video Surveillance Stills of Grayson from Local Banks

ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that DON-LEE GRAYSON, 45, of Albany, was sentenced to 10 years in State Prison before Honorable Judge Stephen W. Herrick in Albany County Court this morning.

On July 10, 2014, GRAYSON was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Robbery in the First Degree, a Class B Felony.

On July 16, 2012, between 9:00am and 9:19am, at the Key Bank at 561 New Scotland Avenue, in the City of Albany, GRAYSON displayed what appeared to be a firearm and demanded money from a bank teller. GRAYSON left the bank with an envelope containing a sum of US Currency and a dye pack that the teller had slipped into the envelope. Shortly after leaving the bank, the dye pack exploded. GRAYSON then went to a different bank and attempted to trade in the stained money, which the bank refused. The bank provided law enforcement with video surveillance footage of the incident.

GRAYSON then attempted to pay his rent with the stained currency, which was also not accepted by the landlord's bank. The landlord then turned the money over to the Colonie Police Department and a subsequent advisory was filed. Ultimately, analysis of video surveillance footage from the banks led to the capture of GRAYSON.

“Our thanks goes out to the Albany Police Department, the Colonie Police Department, the staff at the Albany Crime Analysis Center, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for building this case. Along with the multiple bank tellers that assisted in building this case, these members of law enforcement working together was ultimately what brought this fugitive to justice,” commented DA Soares.

Assistant District Attorney Linda Griggs prosecuted this case.

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