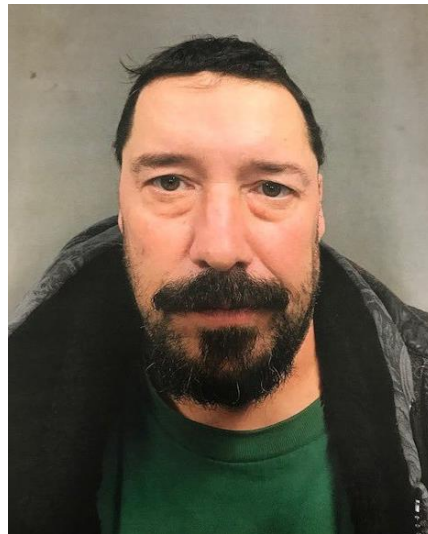


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Cohoes Arsonist Pleads Guilty



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that JOHN GOMES, 51, of Cohoes, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Arson in the Fourth Degree, a Class E Felony, before the Honorable William A. Carter in Albany County Court this morning.

On November 30, 2017, at approximately 2:10 PM, in the area of Remsen Street in the City of Cohoes, GOMES did recklessly cause damage to several buildings by intentionally starting a fire. On the above said date, time, and location, GOMES recklessly damaged several buildings in the City of Cohoes by intentionally starting a fire in a barrel which was located in close proximity to the wooden back porch of GOMES' home.

GOMES faces (1) year in the Albany County Correctional Facility when sentenced on April 25, 2018. GOMES will also be ordered to pay restitution of a yet to be determined figure.

Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Cheryl Fowler is handling the prosecution of this case.

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