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## Cohoes Arsonist Sentenced



**ALBANY, NY** – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that JOHN GOMES, 51, of Cohoes, was sentenced to (1) year in the Albany County Correctional Facility for his role in setting a fire in the City of Cohoes that resulted in substantial damage. GOMES was also ordered to pay restitution in the form of a civil judgment of \$600,000.

On March 14, 2018, GOMES pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Arson in the Fourth Degree, a Class E Felony.

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.

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

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