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Convictions for Special Victims Unit Cases



ALBANY, NY - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that SHANE OSTERHOUT, 39, ALVIN WASHINGTON, 58 and ANTONIO RIVERA, 29, have all pleaded guilty in Albany County Supreme Court.

On November 13, 2012, OSTERHOUT, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Failure to Register, Second Offense, a Class D Felony, before the Honorable Joseph Teresi. OSTERHOUT is a Level 3 Sex Offender who was evicted from his residence on February 1, 2012 in the City of Albany and did not notify the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Service.

OSTERHOUT faces 1 year in the Albany County Jail when he is sentenced on January 8, 2013.

On November 15, 2012, WASHINGTON, of Cohoes, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Contempt in the First Degree, a Class E felony, before the Honorable Thomas Breslin. On September 14, 2012, WASHINGTON violated a previously established No Illegal Contact Order of Protection by contacting the victim at her residence in the City of Cohoes.

Later that evening, WASHINGTON returned to the victims' residence and threatened to kill the victim while brandishing a knife. The Cohoes Police Department responded and arrested WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON faces 1 ½ to 3 Years in State Prison when sentenced on December 14, 2012.

On November 15, 2012, RIVERA, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon, a Class D Felony, before the Honorable Dan Lamont. On June 27, 2012, police responded to a domestic violence call in the City of Albany. Upon a search of RIVERA's residence, police located a loaded, sawed off shotgun wrapped under a towel on the back deck.

RIVERA faces 2 years in State Prison followed by 3 years of Post Release Supervision when he is sentenced on January 9, 2013.

Assistant District Attorney Carmen Warner of the Special Victims Unit prosecuted these cases.

“Those individuals in our community who make the choice to violate the law will be held accountable for their actions, especially in Special Victims cases when a defendant chooses to violate an order of protection, chooses to illegally possess a firearm, or chooses to fail to register their address as directed by a court. Those choices are not acceptable, and I want to thank ADA Warner for her hard work in bringing justice to the residents of Albany County,” commented DA Soares.

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