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DWI and Violation of Probation Sentencing



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that CHRISTOPHER J. BARRY, 33, of Albany, was sentenced to 2 1/3 to 7 years in State Prison before Honorable Judge Andrew Ceresia in Albany County Court today.

On September 2, 2014, BARRY was stopped by the Albany Police Department for a traffic infraction. Upon search of the defendant, officers uncovered a counterfeit \$50 bill in his possession. BARRY also gave police the wrong name. BARRY was charged with (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the First Degree, a Class C Felony, (1) Count of False Personation, a Class B Misdemeanor, and vehicle and traffic infraction.

At the time of this arrest, BARRY was serving a term of Probation for a 2012 incident. On August 31, 2012, at approximately 5:37 p.m., while on routine patrol, a Bethlehem Police Officer's plate reader scanned BARRY's license plate and the device registered that insurance was not in effect. The officer continued following BARRY's vehicle and saw the car fail to keep right on the roadway. The officer then conducted a traffic stop and observed a strong odor of alcoholic beverage coming from BARRY, in addition to signs of intoxication. BARRY failed all field sobriety tests and had a positive pre-screen reading. At the police station, slightly over 1 hour after the stop, BARRY registered a Blood Alcohol Content of .22 percent. Upon vehicle inventory, officers discovered a small baggie of marijuana, which BARRY admitted was his.

On November 21, 2014, BARRY pleaded guilty to the Violation of Probation charge, to fully satisfy the charges stemming from the September 2, 2014 incident.

Assistant District Attorney Mary Tanner-Richter, Bureau Chief of the Vehicular Crimes Unit, prosecuted this case.

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