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Defendant Pleads Guilty to Violation of Felony Probation



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that RYAN JONES, 21, of Albany, pleaded guilty to a Violation of Felony Probation before the Honorable Joseph Teresi in Albany County Supreme Court this morning.

On July 7, 2011 in the area of Central Avenue and Karner Road in the Town of Colonie, an Albany County Sheriff Deputy was approached by two individuals who claimed the defendant was sitting in a van and verbally attempted to get the individuals into his van. The Deputy Sheriff approached the vehicle, causing the defendant to drive off at a high rate of speed.

The Deputy Sheriff pursued the defendant and ordered him to pull over, which he failed to do. The pursuit of the defendant reached speeds of over 100 miles per hour, and almost caused a collision between two motorists when he drove through a red light. The defendant crashed into a power transformer at the corner of Karner Road and Madison Avenue Extension and fled the scene but was later apprehended.

The defendant pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Reckless Endangerment in the First Degree and was sentenced to 6 months in the Albany County Jail, to be followed by 5 years of Post Release Supervision.

Following the defendant's release from custody, he was ordered to comply with specific guidelines of his Felony Probation, which he failed to do. As a result, the Court found the defendant to be in violation of the guidelines of his Felony Probation.

JONES faces 2 to 6 years in State Prison when sentenced on June 10, 2014.

Assistant District Attorney Mary Tanner-Richter of the Vehicular Crimes Unit is handling the prosecution of this case.

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