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## **Dismissals Announced in March Arrests**

**ALBANY, NY** - District Attorney P. David Soares today announced that an investigation has commenced into the events that occurred on March 16, 2019 in the area of 523 First Street in the City of Albany that led to three individuals being arrested. Appearance dates have been scheduled for tomorrow, Wednesday, April 3, 2019, in Albany City Court, any time after 9:00 A.M. for formal dismissal proceedings.

After being made aware of the incident, our office immediately began a review of the events surrounding these arrests. We then contacted the defense attorneys representing these individuals and advised them that preliminary findings have prompted motions to dismiss these charges in the interest of justice to be filed by our office.

After reviewing the facts and circumstances surrounding the arrests, charges have been filed against an Albany Police Officer for his alleged role in the incident. At this time Officer LUKE DEER has been arrested and charged with (1) Count of Assault in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony, and (1) Count of Official Misconduct, a Class A Misdemeanor, in relation to his alleged conduct during the incident. DEER was arraigned in Albany City Court by Judge Stiglmeier this afternoon and pleaded not guilty to the charges. He was released on his own recognizance by the Court and a preliminary hearing has been scheduled for Monday, April, 8, 2019.

The events of the entire incident remain under review by the District Attorney's Office.

Anyone with information regarding these events is asked to call the Office of the Albany County District Attorney at (518) 487-5460 and ask to speak with an Investigator.

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