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## **Drunk Driver Sentenced to State Prison**



**ALBANY, NY-** District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that YOLANDA NEWSOME, 43, of Schenectady, was sentenced to 1 1/3 to 4 years in State Prison, before the Honorable Judge Stephen W. Herrick in Albany County Court this morning.

On April 5, 2016, NEWSOME pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated, a Class D Felony.

On January 15, 2016, NEWSOME was operating a vehicle on I-90 in the Town of Colonie and was pulled over by police for multiple traffic infractions including unsafe turn/failure to signal, moving from lane unsafely, and stopping/parked on highway. At time of the traffic stop, police observed physical signs of intoxication. NEWSOME failed field sobriety tests, had a positive prescreen test, and registered a Blood

Alcohol Content of 0.23%. NEWSOME was driving with a revoked license stemming from a prior offense, had no insurance, and was operating the vehicle without an Interlock Ignition Device on her vehicle, which was a requirement from a previous conviction.

In addition to jail time and a term of Felony Probation, NEWSOME was ordered to pay a \$2,000.00 fine, 3 years of an Ignition Interlock Device following release from custody, attendance of a Victim Impact Panel, and a minimum 18 month license revocation, subject to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Vehicular Crimes Unit Bureau Chief Mary Tanner-Richter prosecuted this case.

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