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Drunken High Speed Chase Ends with State Prison



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that DANIELLE BOYD, 29, of Schenectady, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated, a Class E Felony, and (1) Count of Attempted Reckless Endangerment in the First Degree, a Class E Felony, before Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court yesterday morning.

On March 7, 2014, around 2:15am, a Watervliet Police Officer observed a vehicle being operated by BOYD tailgating another vehicle in the driving lane. The officer attempted to conduct a traffic stop after observing BOYD making an unsafe lane change and cutting off a car in the middle lane. Instead of pulling over as instructed by the Officer who had activated lights and sirens, BOYD drove off at high rate of speed. BOYD drove in excess of 100 miles per hour

and struck a guardrail while negotiating Exit 5 on to 1-90 West, damaging the car and front tire. BOYD continued to flee and debris from the damaged car began to strike the pursuing officer's vehicle. At that time BOYD continued driving into Schenectady with one of the tires worn away down to the rim. BOYD's vehicle was eventually boxed in and stopped by officers in Schenectady County. Officers discovered an open bottle of E&J Brandy in the center console of the vehicle. BOYD displayed physical signs of intoxication and registered a Blood Alcohol Content .11 per cent.

BOYD faces 1 1/3 to 3 years in State Prison for the DWI charge, in addition to a concurrent charge of 1 1/3 to 4 years for the attempted reckless endangerment charge, when sentenced on October 2, 2014.

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

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