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Facebook Robber Pleads to Violent Felony



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that CEE-QUAN COLLIER-HUDSON, 20, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Robbery in the First Degree, a Class C Violent Felony, before the Honorable Stephen Herrick in Albany County Court this morning.

On November 22, 2013, the defendant arranged to meet with an individual with whom he communicated with over Facebook under the pretense of purchasing an iPhone. Once the victim

gave the phone to the defendant to purchase, the defendant pulled up his shirt to show the victim that he had a handgun hidden in his waistband, and walked away with the phone without paying the victim.

This guilty plea also satisfies charges that on November 28, 2013, the defendant, utilizing a different Facebook account, arranged to meet two individuals under the pretense of purchasing a PlayStation 3. When the victims met the defendant at a pre-arranged location, the defendant reached into the vehicle the victims were sitting in and grabbed the PlayStation 3 and fled. An unidentified man who was with the defendant pointed a gun at the victims and told them not to follow them.

COLLIER-HUDSON remains in custody and faces 9 years in State Prison when sentenced on July 2, 2014.

Assistant District Attorney Steven Sharp is handling the prosecution of this case.

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