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Guilty Plea For Illegal Possession of Loaded Handgun



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today RAJA JOHNSON, 25, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a Class C Armed Violent Felony, before the Honorable Stephen W. Herrick in Albany County Court this morning.

On October 22, 2015, JOHNSON fled on foot from Albany City Police officers following a traffic stop in the area of Park Avenue in the City of Albany. While fleeing from police JOHNSON attempted to discard of a loaded handgun in his possession. JOHNSON knowingly and unlawfully possessed the loaded handgun having been convicted of one previous felony and five misdemeanors.

JOHNSON faces 10 years in State Prison followed by 5 years Post-Release Supervision when he is sentenced on March 3, 2016.

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

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