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Guilty Plea for Watervliet DWI Crash

Driver Was Operating on a Revoked License from Previous DWI Conviction



DONATI'S Car after the Crash

ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that JOSHUA DONATI, 42, of Troy, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated, as a Class D Felony, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court today.

On January 1, 2017, at approximately 2:07 A.M., while on 19th Street in the City of Watervliet, DONATI was operating a motor vehicle in an intoxicated state when he crashed into several vehicles. DONATI fled the scene on foot but was apprehended nearby by members of the

Watervliet Police Department. DONATI was combative during the encounter and refused to submit to chemical breath testing. At the time of the incident DONATI's driver's license was revoked from a previous felony DWI conviction.

DONATI faces a term of 1 2/3 to 5 years in State Prison when sentenced August 14, 2018.

In addition, DONATI will be subjected to install an Interlock Ignition Device for 3 years, pay restitution for any uncovered costs for damage to the vehicles, and be subject to a minimum revocation of his driver's license for 18 months subject to Department of Motor Vehicles guidelines.

Assistant District Attorney David Szalda handled the prosecution of this case.

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