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Guilty Plea in Attempted Restaurant Robbery



ALBANY, NY - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **MICHAEL BUTLER**, 35, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Robbery in the 2nd Degree, a Class D Felony, before the Honorable Judge Thomas A. Breslin in Albany County Supreme Court this morning.

On August 22, 2016, at approximately 9:00 PM on South Pearl Street, in the City of Albany, BUTLER entered a restaurant and approached the counter, holding a wrench inside of a plastic bag in such a way to give the impression that it was a gun. BUTLER attempted to forcibly steal cash from the register, but was stopped by a customer who detained him. BUTLER was hit in the head by the cashier, and fled the scene with both the customer and cashier pursuing him. Albany Police Department responded to the scene, and caught BUTLER before he could escape.

BUTLER faces 5 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post Release Supervision, when sentenced on December 14, 2016.

Assistant District Attorney Joseph Brucato of the Street Crimes Unit prosecuted this case.

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