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Guilty Plea in Domestic Violence and Animal Cruelty Case



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that MENTOR DEMIRAJ, 29, of Bronx, NY, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Contempt in the First Degree, a Class E Felony, and (1) Count of Animal Cruelty under Agriculture and Market Law 353, a Misdemeanor, before Honorable Judge Stephen W. Herrick in Albany County Court this afternoon.

Between December 1, 2012 and November 1, 2013, DEMIRAJ did repeatedly violate a stay away order of protection by committing acts that caused reasonable fear for the protected party. One of these acts included an incident that occurred at a residence in Albany County on June 13, 2013, when DEMIRAJ did intentionally kill the victim's companion animal, a two and a half year old female German Shepard. Additionally, this plea also satisfies a charge where on August 13, 2013, DEMIRAJ did intentionally kill another companion animal belonging to the victim, an eight week old German Shepard puppy.

DEMIRAJ faces 1 to 3 years in State Prison when sentenced on September 17, 2014.

Assistant District Attorney Chantelle Cleary of the Special Victims Unit handled the prosecution of this case.

For more information please contact Cecilia Walsh (518) 275-4710.



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