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Guilty Plea in Felony Gun Possession Case

ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that THOMAS HARDIE, 52, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon, a Class D Felony, this morning in Albany County Court before Judge Stephen Herrick.

HARDIE faces 3 ½ to 7 years in State Prison when sentenced on December 24, 2012.

In the early morning of April 26, 2011 police received a call to HARDIE's residence on Clinton Avenue in the City of Albany for a report of shots fired. Police recovered a 9mm semi-automatic pistol after executing a search warrant at the residence. Crime laboratory analysis showed HARDIE to be a major contributor of DNA found on the trigger and backstrap of the weapon.

The case against the defendant was scheduled to begin trial next Monday.

“Citizens of Albany County have many ways of removing guns from our community. Calling Pastor Charlie and voluntarily surrendering a gun in exchange for a gift card is one of them. Occasionally, we are also reminded that when people choose to engage in violence and put others at risk, the law will remove the gun and the person willing to use it from the community. Thomas Hardie was just reminded of this fact,” commented DA Soares.

Assistant District Attorney Daniel Lynch of the Street Crimes Unit prosecuted this case.

For more information please contact Cecilia Logue.

If you or anyone you know wants to turn in an illegal firearm, please reach out to the ENOUGH Program at 765-3668.



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