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Guilty Plea in Knife Wielding Colonie Road Rage Case



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that DEONDRE GRIFFIN, 30, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree, a Class D Felony, before the Honorable Judge Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

On March 24, 2016, at approximately 2:43pm, on I-87 in the Town of Colonie, GRIFFIN was driving northbound when another motorist merged in front his vehicle on the highway. GRIFFIN proceeded to follow the other motorist, ultimately passed the vehicle, and then brought

his vehicle to a dead stop in the middle of the highway directly in front of it. GRIFFIN then exited his vehicle and approached the other car with a knife. GRIFFIN then slammed the handle of the knife repeatedly on the window and verbally threatened the occupant of the other vehicle. In the process of slamming the knife on the car, GRIFFIN cut himself and bled profusely on the victim's car window. GRIFFIN then drove away from the scene and committed an illegal turn in the area of Central Avenue in the Town of Colonie. Colonie Police officers witnessed GRIFFIN's illegal turn and began a traffic stop. As a result of that stop GRIFFIN was found to be in possession of the knife he used to attack the other car. Colonie Police officers arrested GRIFFIN and placed him in the back of a police patrol vehicle. After being placed in the vehicle, GRIFFIN repeatedly kicked the door of the police vehicle causing \$2,500.00 in damage to the vehicle.

GRIFFIN faces 90 days in custody, to be followed by 5 years of Felony Probation, and \$2,500.00 in restitution to the Town of Colonie Police Department, when he is sentenced on July 12, 2016.

Assistant District Attorney Joe Brucato of the Street Crime Unit prosecuted this case.

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