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## **Guilty Plea in Leandra's Law Case**



**ALBANY, NY** – District Attorney P. David Soares today announced that LEWIS DECKER, 33, of Schenectady, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated with a Child in the Vehicle, a Class E Felony, and (1) Count of Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the First Degree, a Class E Felony, this morning before Honorable Joseph C. Teresi in Albany County Supreme Court.

On June 9, 2012 around 9:00 pm the New York State Police received a call from a civilian who observed a white Ford Taurus being driven on the NYS Thruway by a man who appeared to be intoxicated with two children in the vehicle. Officers saw a vehicle matching that description heading southbound on the Thruway moving unsafely and failing to signal when changing lanes. DECKER was pulled over and admitted to police that he had been drinking and showed physical signs of intoxication. DECKER refused to take a breathalyzer test. DECKER's license was revoked for a previous DWI conviction.

“In addition to placing every driver on the road at risk, this defendant also compromised the health of those he is supposed to care for the most. Parents who drink and drive leave no choices for their children and that is why we prosecute these cases so vigorously,” said DA David Soares.

DECKER faces 1 to 3 years in State Prison, over \$2,000 in fines and surcharges, license revocation, and installation of an Ignition Interlock device for 3 years upon release from custody when sentenced on September 4, 2012.

Vehicular Crimes Bureau Chief Mary Tanner-Richter handled the prosecution of the case.

For more information, please contact Cecilia Logue.

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