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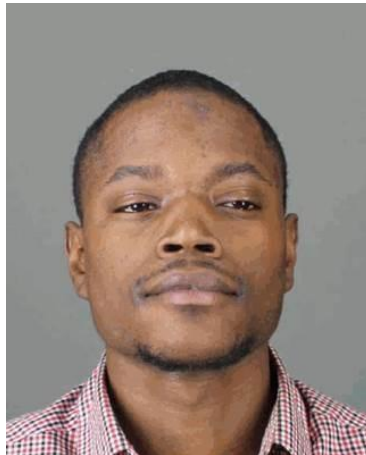
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Guilty Verdict after Domestic Violence Assault



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that **ANDREW WATSON**, 27, of Schenectady, was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Assault in the Third Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor, and (1) Count of Criminal Obstruction of Breathing, a Class A Misdemeanor, before the Honorable Joshua L. Farrell in Albany City Court this morning.

The jury found that on October 4, 2017, while at a residence on Garden Street in the City of Albany, **WATSON** physically assaulted and obstructed the breathing of a woman that was known to him by placing both of his hands around her neck. The People presented an evidence based prosecution in this trial by calling law enforcement and medical professionals to testify

about the injuries of the victim. This evidence corroborated the facts of the case and was used to prove the elements of the charged offenses in the absence of direct witness testimony.

WATSON was remanded with bail after the verdict today and faces up to one (1) year in Albany County Jail when he is sentenced on July 12, 2018.

Assistant District Attorney Bryanne Perlanski handled the prosecution of this case.

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