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Guilty Verdict after Jury Trial in Albany Baseball Bat Assault Case



COPPINS



Photo of Crime Scene on Raymo Street, Albany

ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that DEREK COPPINS, 41, of Albany, was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Attempted Assault in the First Degree, a Class C Violent Felony, (1) Count of Assault in the Second Degree, a Class D Violent Felony, and (1) Count of Tampering with a Witness in the Fourth Degree, a Misdemeanor before the Honorable Judge Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this afternoon.

On January 25, 2016, at approximately 11:45 P.M., COPPINS repeatedly struck an adult male that was known to him with a wooden baseball bat while on the sidewalk on Raymo Street in the City of Albany. The assault left the victim with bleeding lacerations to the head and a broken arm. The victim needed surgery to repair damage to his arm, including the insertion of a metal plate.

In addition, on March 8, 2016, COPPINS made repeated telephone calls to an eye witness in the case in an attempt to prevent her from testifying at a scheduled Grand Jury proceeding.

The jury trial began last week on November 14th and the jury returned a verdict of guilty on all counts this afternoon after several hours of deliberation yesterday and today.

COPPINS faces up to 15 years in State Prison when sentenced on January 17, 2017.

Assistant District Attorney Dennis DiBari of the Major Crimes Unit prosecuted this case.

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