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## Guilty Verdict for Violating Order of Protection



**ALBANY, NY** – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that BILLY JOE SPLUNGE, 38, of Albany, was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Criminal Contempt in the First Degree, a Class E Felony, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

On March 25, 2014, SPLUNGE violated an order protection by repeatedly calling and leaving voice messages to a protected party's phone. The protected party was a victim from a previous domestic incident involving a violation of an order of protection. SPLUNGE had previously been directed by a Judge to not contact this victim in any way. SPLUNGE is currently in the custody of the New York State Department of Corrections, serving a term of 1 to 3 years for a previous Criminal Contempt conviction involving the same victim.

Assistant District Attorney Melinda Seiden-Fiorino is handling the prosecution of this case.

SPLUNGE faces up to 2 to 4 years in State Prison when sentenced on June 12, 2015.

For more information, please contact Cecilia Walsh at (518) 275-4710.



If you or someone you know is in need of help please contact:  
Albany County Crime Victims and Sexual Violence Center 447-7100  
Equinox Domestic Violence Services 24 Hour Hotline 432-7865  
24 Hour Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

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