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Guilty Verdict in Albany DWI Trial



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that ANA ALMONTE, 43, of Albany, was found guilty after a jury trial of (2) Counts of Driving While Intoxicated, both Misdemeanors, before the Honorable Gary Stiglmeier in Albany City Criminal Court last evening.

On February 7, 2013, around 7:00pm while on Washington Avenue Extension in the City of

Albany, ALMONTE was operating a 2012 Jeep Patriot under the influence of alcohol. ALMONTE crashed the vehicle, flipping it over on to its roof. Albany Police Officers reported to the scene and found ALMONTE to smell like the odor of alcoholic beverage. They also observed ALMONTE to have glassy eyes and slurred speech. ALMONTE admitted to drinking two glasses of wine and failed several field sobriety tests. While in custody ALMONTE registered a blood alcohol content of .13 in a Datamaster breath test.

ALMONTE's next court appearance will be July 24, 2014 in Albany City Court. ALMONTE faces up to (1) year in custody, in addition to fines, court fees, and sanctions to her driving privileges upon sentencing.

Assistant District Attorney Matthew Toporowski prosecuted this case.

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