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## **Illegal Check Cashing Guilty Plea**



**ALBANY, NY-** District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that DOROTHY COLE, 41, formerly of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, a Class D Felony, before the Honorable Judge Andrew Ceresia in Albany County Court this morning.

On December 18, 2013, COLE cashed three forged checks at three separate banks in the City of Albany. The checks were stolen during a burglary days prior. The defendant was captured on video surveillance cashing the checks.

In accordance with the plea agreement reached in court today, COLE faces 1 to 3 years in State Prison, to run consecutive to the sentence that she is currently serving in the Department of Corrections for an unrelated burglary. COLE must also repay the victim \$885.75 in restitution.

COLE remains in custody and will be sentenced on July 25, 2014.

Assistant District Attorney Matthew Peluso of the Financial Crimes Unit is handling the prosecution of this case.

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