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Illegal Handgun Sentencing



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that JAQUAN WILLIAMS, 23, of Albany, was sentenced to 5 years in State Prison, to be followed by 3 years of Post-Release Supervision, before the Honorable Stephen W. Herrick in Albany County Court this morning.

On January 27, 2015, WILLIAMS pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a Class D Armed Felony.

On January 3, 2015, at about 3:30 a.m. in the area of 40 Sheridan Avenue in the City of Albany, members of the Albany Police Department pulled over a vehicle being driven by WILLIAMS for traffic infractions of failure to keep right and failure to signal a turn. During the stop, police discovered that WILLIAMS was driving with a license that had been suspended 12 times and that he was in possession of a quantity of marijuana. Police also observed a handgun sticking out of WILLIAMS' waistband, which was determined to be a .380 caliber handgun loaded with 5 rounds of live ammunition.

The conviction also satisfies uncharged counts of additional illegal weapons possession and narcotic sales.

Assistant District Attorney Steven Sharp prosecuted this case.

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