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## **Illegal Weapon Found After Crash Leads to Guilty Plea**



**ALBANY, NY** – District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that LARRY FAULKNER, 39, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a Class C Armed Violent Felony, before the Honorable William A. Carter in Albany County Court this morning.

On March 3, 2018, in the area of Lynn and Village Park Drives in the Town of Colonie, FAULKNER led officers of the Colonie Police Department on a high speed chase during a traffic stop. An officer then located FAULKNER'S vehicle after it crashed into a tree with his blood spread throughout the interior, as well as both air bags deployed. The vehicle was swabbed for DNA and processed. Officers later located FAULKNER inside of another vehicle, injured and with a loaded .45 caliber handgun next to him. FAULKNER admitted the gun belonged to him.

In 2013, FAULKNER was previously convicted of (1) Count of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance in the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree, a Class D felony and sentenced to 3 years in State Prison.

FAULKNER faces 10 years in State Prison, to be followed by 5 years of Post-Release Supervision, when sentenced on May 23, 2018.

Assistant District Attorney Brittany Grome of the Major Offense Unit is handling the prosecution of this case.

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