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Illegal Weapon Found After Dispute



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that JOSE CARABALLO-ORTIZ, 43, of Albany, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a Class D Armed Felony, before the Honorable Judge Stephen W. Herrick in Albany County Court this morning.

On the night of October 31, 2015, CARABALLO-ORTIZ was drinking with friends at a residence in the City of Albany when a dispute occurred, leading the victims to leave the residence. CARABALLO-ORTIZ then did travel to another location to confront the victims on

O'Dell Street in the City of Albany, where another dispute occurred. CARABALLO-ORTIZ then did threaten the victims with a loaded .40 caliber Smith and Wesson handgun. The victims called 911, and members of the Albany Police Department arrived as CARABALLO-ORTIZ was driving away from the residence. Upon a stop of his vehicle, police officers determined that CARABALLO-ORTIZ was in possession of an illegal firearm.

CARABALLO-ORTIZ faces 3 years in State Prison, to be followed by 3 years of Post-Release Supervision, when sentenced on January 27, 2015.

Assistant District Attorney Joseph Brucato of the Street Crimes Unit is prosecuting this case.

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