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## Justice Served in Two DWI Cases



**Sharifabdul Ali**



**Sean Kelly**

**ALBANY, NY-** District Attorney P. David Soares announced today the resolutions of two vehicular crime cases in Albany County Court.

SHARIFABDUL ALI, 49, of Selkirk, NY, pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated; Child in Vehicle, a Class E Felony, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court on February 7, 2018.

On September 24, 2017, at approximately 1:30 P.M., ALI drove a Federal Express vehicle while intoxicated and with his 5 year old daughter as a front seat passenger when he crashed the van off of the road. A witness heard the crash and then saw ALI revving the engine trying to dislodge the vehicle. ALI then left the scene on foot with his daughter, who sustained minor injuries in the crash. ALI was later found at his home and admitted to having consumed alcohol before driving and crashing, stating he swerved to miss a deer. After consenting to a breath test and blood test, results revealed ABDUL ALI had a BAC of .18%. This is a Leandra's Law Case as ALI was driving with his 5 year old daughter in the vehicle.

ALI faces 7 months in Albany County Jail, to be followed by 5 years of Probation Supervision, the installation of Ignition Interlock Device for 5 years, a \$1000 fine, and a minimum of 12 months of license revocation, subject to the Department of Motor Vehicles, when sentenced on April 4, 2018.

Additionally, SEAN KELLY, 25, of Albany, was sentenced to 4 months in Albany County Jail, to be followed by a consecutive 5 years of Probation Supervision, before the Honorable William A. Carter in Albany County Court on February 6, 2018. This is KELLY'S third conviction for an alcohol related offense.

On December 6, 2017, KELLY pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated, a Class E Felony.

On August 27, 2017, officers observed KELLY driving in the parking lot of Crossgates Mall as he almost hit a security guard and pedestrians. Officers initiated a traffic stop and noticed an odor of alcohol coming from the vehicle. KELLY failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test yielded positive results. KELLY was transported to the police station and a subsequent breath sample returned a blood alcohol level of .20 approximately one hour after the stop.

Bureau Chief Mary-Tanner Richter of the Vehicular Crimes Unit handled the prosecution of both of these cases.

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