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Local Court Resolutions for DWI Cases in Albany County



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ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today two recent local court resolutions for Driving While Intoxicated cases in Albany County.

EDWARD HAMIL, 59, of Schenectady, was sentenced to 9 months in Albany County Jail, before the Honorable Andrew Sommers in Colonie Town Court on February 11, 2015.

On November 5, 2014, HAMIL was found guilty following a jury trial of (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated Per Se, an Unclassified Misdemeanor and (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated Common Law, an Unclassified Misdemeanor.

On April 6, 2013, at approximately 7:32 am, defendant was observed driving erratically by another motorist. Officers from the Colonie Police Department found HAMIL slumped over the steering wheel of his vehicle in a parking lot on Old Niskayuna Road in the Town of Colonie. HAMIL failed the standard field sobriety tests and registered a blood alcohol content of .18%.

Separately, AMANDA BISNETT, 26, of Schenectady, was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Driving While Intoxicated Per Se and (1) Count of Refusal Driving While Intoxicated, both Misdemeanors, before the Honorable Denise Randall in Guilderland Town Court on February 11, 2015.

On December 28, 2012, BISNETT was stopped at a DWI sobriety checkpoint off Exit 25 of the New York State Thruway in the Town of Guilderland, and failed the standard field sobriety tests. BISNETT proceeded to register a blood alcohol content of .14% and was arrested.

BISNETT was released on her own recognizance by the Court pending a sentencing date and faces up to a year in custody.

Assistant District Attorney Brittany Grome prosecuted the case against HAMIL.

Assistant District Attorney Megan Spillane is handling the prosecution of BISNETT.

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