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Maeweather Sentenced to 3 ½ to 7 years for Reckless Endangerment in Crossgates Mall Incident



ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares today announced that TASHEEM MAEWEATHER, 20, of Albany, was sentenced to 3 ½ to 7 years in State Prison before the Honorable Roger D. McDonough in Albany County Supreme Court this morning.

On May 5, 2017, MAEWEATHER was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Reckless Endangerment in the First Degree, a Class D Felony.

After hearing evidence presented at trial, including testimony from mall patrons and employees, law enforcement, ballistic and laboratory professionals, GPS and gang activity analysts, and after viewing hours of mall surveillance, a jury found that on November 12, 2016, MAEWEATHER recklessly engaged in conduct which created a grave risk of death to another under circumstances evincing a depraved indifference to human life.

On November 12, 2016, multiple accounts of shots fired near a crowded area of the mall near the Apple Store were reported to law enforcement. At the time of the incident there were thousands of patrons and employees present at the mall. The incident happened just yards away from “Santa Land,” where multiple families were lined up to take holiday photos.

“Citizens of Albany County should always expect to be safe when visiting public spaces,” commented DA Soares. “This defendant violated our sense of safety and has left a traumatic and indelible memory for those who were present that day. This incident is also a reminder that illegal guns are a problem for all communities and we must continue to remove them from the hands of people who place their own needs above the rest of ours.”

MAEWEATHER was serving a term of Felony Probation at the time of the incident and was being monitored by GPS tracking through an ankle bracelet device. On September 25, 2015, MAEWEATHER was convicted of (1) Count of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree, a Class B Felony, in Schenectady County Court, and later sentenced to a (5) year term of Felony Probation. Sometime thereafter, his case was transferred to Albany County Department of Probation. Due to multiple technical violations of the court ordered terms and conditions of Probation, including a new arrest for the Crossgates Mall incident, the Court determined after a hearing that MAEWEATHER formally violated his contract with the Department of Probation. In December 2016 Honorable Judge Peter A. Lynch imposed a (9) year sentence for the underlying drug conviction and Violation of Probation charge (VOP). This will run consecutively to today’s sentence of (3 ½) to (7) years in State Prison, equaling a combined maximum sentence of (16) years in State Prison.

Assistant District Attorney Steven Sharp prosecuted this case.

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