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Man Arraigned for Allegedly Using Fake Cash to Buy Gift Cards, Clothing, Sneakers, and Two Smartphones



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that BRIAN WHITE, 24, of Bronx, NY, was arraigned on (3) Counts of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the First Degree, all Class C Felonies, and (1) Count of Criminal Possession of Stolen property in the Fifth Degree, a Class A Misdemeanor, before the Honorable Peter A. Lynch in Albany County Court this morning.

An Albany County Grand Jury previously returned an indictment that alleges that on September 1, 2013 WHITE intended to defraud the Rite Aid on South Pearl Street in the City of Albany by purchasing a Visa Gift Card with six (6) counterfeit fifty dollar bills and (1) twenty dollar bill.

The indictment also alleges that on September 29, 2013 WHITE did intend to defraud Footlocker in Colonie by purchasing two pairs of sneakers and a shirt with nineteen (19) counterfeit twenty dollar bills. It is also alleged that on the same date WHITE also did intend to defraud RadioShack in Colonie by purchasing a Samsung Galaxy and a Trio Stealth Android with eleven (11) counterfeit twenty dollar bills and four (4) counterfeit ten dollar bills.

In addition, the indictment also alleges that on October 2, 2013 while at Champs Sporting Goods in Colonie WHITE did possess stolen sneakers and socks that had previously been purchased at Rotterdam Square Mall with counterfeit currency.

Assistant District Attorney Benjamin Clark of the Financial Crimes Unit prosecuted this case.

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All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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