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Man Found Guilty of Stealing a House



ALBANY, NY- District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that MICHAEL O'BRIEN, 44, of Watervliet, was found guilty after trial of (1) Count of Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, a Class C Felony, and (1) Count of Conspiracy in the Fourth Degree, a Class C Felony, before the Honorable Judge Stephen Herrick in Albany County Court Tuesday afternoon.

Between June 6, 2014, and July 15, 2014, in the City of Cohoes, O'BRIEN did steal property valued at more than \$50,000.00 USD. With the aid of DELIA PRICE and LAURAN PARKER, O'BRIEN transferred the ownership of the house at 454 Saratoga Street in Cohoes to the two woman from an elderly woman who did not have the mental capacity to do so. PRICE, who lived

down the road from the house, and PARKER, O'BRIEN's mother, used their relationship with the victim to manipulate her into transferring her home of thirty years to them. On June 6, 2014, O'BRIEN then contacted the city of Cohoes Treasurer posing as the grandson of the woman who owned the house. However, the two have no relation and the victim has no grandchildren.

The house at 454 Saratoga Street is located in between two parking lots owned by Mohawk Fine Papers in Cohoes. After transferring the house's deed to his co-conspirators, O'BRIEN did negotiate the sale of the property with Mohawk Fine Papers, though he was ultimately unsuccessful in his efforts

O'BRIEN is due to be sentenced on August 4, 2015. If the Court determines him to be a persistent felon, he will then face up to 15 years to life in State Prison.

Assistant District Attorney Jessica Blain-Lewis of the Financial Crimes Unit prosecuted this case.

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