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## **Man Found Guilty of Strangulation and Sexual Abuse after Jury Trial**



**ALBANY, NY-** District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that JASON HOWARD, 26, of Amsterdam, NY, was found guilty after a jury trial of (1) Count of Strangulation in the Second Degree, and (1) Count of Sexual Abuse in the First Degree, both Class D Violent Felonies, before the Honorable Judge Thomas A. Breslin in Albany Supreme Court in the late afternoon hours of Friday, January 6, 2017.

The jury returned a verdict finding HOWARD guilty of an assault of a female victim while inside a residence located on Green Street in the City of Albany on December 26, 2015, at approximately 9:00 A.M. The jury concluded that HOWARD engaged in forcible sexual activity with a female individual who was known to him, and that during the encounter HOWARD applied pressure around the neck of the victim.

HOWARD faces up to 7 years in State Prison when sentenced on March 3, 2017. HOWARD will be mandated to register as a Sex Offender upon release from custody.

Assistant District Attorney Caroline Murray of the Special Victims Unit prosecuted this case.

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